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Right: Soldiers of the Army's 2nd Infantry Division board a chartered jetliner at Osan Air Base, South Korea, Monday for a flight to Kuwait. Their flight marked the start of a weeklong airlift of the division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team to the Mideast for duty in Iraq. Left: Army Staff Sgt. Robert Williamson at Osan on Monday, just before boarding a chartered jetliner heading to Kuwait.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Divorce from father: A New Hampshire boy who won a groundbreaking legal battle to "divorce" his murderer father has launched a quest to recover his mother's ashes, *The Patriot Ledger* of Quincy, Mass., reported Sunday.

Patrick Holland, 14, wants the ashes of his mother, Elizabeth Holland, who was fatally shot in their Quincy apartment in 1998.

Elizabeth Holland's father, Robert McCrokin, of Fairfax, Va., the administrator of his daughter's estate, has kept her ashes since she was cremated in 1998.

West Nile virus: A 75-year-old man died from the mosquito-borne West Nile virus, becoming California's second fatality linked to the illness, officials said Sunday.

Morris Sternberg died Saturday "as a result of complications from the virus," San Bernardino County Deputy Coroner Randy Emon said.

West Nile has sickened more than 260 people across the nation this year, and resulted in six deaths, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Western wildfires: Firefighters let about 100 people return to their homes after making progress Sunday against a central Washington wildfire believed to have been set by a serial arsonist.

The fire, which started Friday, had been estimated at 600 acres but better mapping Sunday night showed it at 370 acres with 50 percent containment, said Cindy Reichelt, an incident information officer. Residents returned on Sunday.

Elsewhere in central Washington, a group of three fires west of Lake Chelan burned Sunday, growing to 38,600 acres. In southwestern Utah, two wildfires were slowed by a morning rainstorm, but had burned nearly 4,000 acres by Sunday.

War on terror

Kuwait grenade attack: Attorneys for a paratrooper charged in a grenade attack that killed two fellow soldiers say they need more time to develop a defense.

Sgt. Hasan Akbar, 32, is scheduled for trial Oct. 25 and is scheduled to enter plea Sept. 7 to two counts of premeditated murder and three counts of attempted murder. Akbar was charged after the March 22, 2003, deaths of the two 101st Airborne Division soldiers at Camp Pennsylvania, Kuwait.

Guantanamo cases: Two Frenchmen who spent more than two years at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, may sue



Cancer victim dies: Alexandra Scott, who had an aggressive form of childhood cancer called neuroblastoma, works at a lemonade stand in June 2002 in Wynnewood, Pa. Alexandra started a lemonade stand to raise money for cancer research, sparking a nationwide campaign that raised hundreds of thousands of dollars. She died Sunday at age 8, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* reported.

the United States for damages, their lawyer told *Le Parisien*.

Lawyer Jacques Debray said he considers the arrest and imprisonment of his clients, Mourad Benchellal and Nizar Sassi, illegal.

Moroccans released: Five Moroccans detained at the U.S. military camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were turned over to authorities in their home country, Morocco's official news agency MAP reported Monday.

The men, who were arrested during the U.S.-led war that toppled Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban regime, arrived in the North African kingdom on Sunday, the MAP news agency said, citing a prosecutor. The five were handed to justice officials.

World

Bobby Fischer: Former world chess champion Bobby Fischer, who has been fighting deportation to the United States, has formally asked Japan for asylum, an adviser said Monday.

The American chess player, wanted by U.S. authorities for playing a 1992 match in the former Yugoslavia in violation of international sanctions, was granted a three-day extension Friday to appeal Japan's decision last week to deport him.

In the United States he would face up to 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of



\$250,000, officials say.

Montenegro, where Fischer played the match, is willing to offer him asylum if he asks, an official said Monday.

Taiwan independence: China's No. 2 leader warned visiting U.S. senators Monday that the Beijing government would never allow Taiwan to be independent, state television reported.

Wu Bangguo, who is chairman of China's legislature, said the Taiwan question is the most sensitive issue in U.S.-China relations, the report said. He said Washington must abide by the one-China policy, which opposes formal independence for the self-ruled island, it added.

U.N. Sudan resolution: Sudan's foreign minister called the U.N. Security Council's 30-day deadline for action on Darfur "illogical," saying Sunday the country instead would implement a 90-day program agreed to earlier with Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Friday's Security Council resolution gave Sudan 30 days to disarm Arab militias blamed for the deaths of thousands of black Africans in the vast western Darfur region or face diplomatic and economic penalties.

An estimated 30,000 people have been killed in the 17-month conflict and 1 million have been forced to flee their homes.

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Strikeforce troops bid official farewell

BY SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

CAMP CASEY, South Korea — Family members, veterans, South Koreans and fellow 2nd Infantry Division soldiers bid farewell to the men and women of the Iraq-bound 2nd Brigade Combat Team Monday.

Several thousand soldiers from the Combat Team, known as the Strikeforce, sweltered in their desert camouflage uniforms (DCUs) under a blazing sun, as friends and families watched from grandstands by the 2nd ID parade ground.

Daniela Kishbaugh's husband, Staff Sgt. James Kishbaugh of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armored Regiment, was one of those standing nearby. Asked how she felt about saying goodbye, his wife burst into tears.

"I was in the (Army) a few years ago. Friends of mine have already died and been hurt" in Iraq, she said. "I just want to help you."

It moves me to see all these people going, all these young kids."

Kishbaugh left the couple's two young children back home in the United States to spend a few days saying goodbye to her husband in South Korea, but she said she did not get much time with him because he was so busy preparing for the mission.

Two privates first class heading to Iraq with Strikeforce, Robert Middleton and David Paredes, both of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, said they expect to spend a lot of time together in the desert.

The pair already has spent a year as roommates in South Korea, they said. In their spare time they play pool, kick a soccer ball around, watch movies, play video games and shop for clothes. However, they do not expect to shop for clothes much in Iraq. "We won't be able to wear them anymore," joked Middleton, who expects to wear his DCUs every day for the next year.

Both said it is time to move on from South Korea after a year on the peninsula. "But I'd rather be leaving to go to the States," Mid-

dleton said.

Also saying goodbye was 9-year-old Jordan Bialek, whose father is 2nd Brigade executive officer Lt. Col. Bob Bialek. She wore a heart-shaped American flag pendant that her father gave her, but appeared too shy to say much about her feelings other than that she was "kind of sad."

Her mother, Jeannie Bialek, said she already had said goodbye once to her husband during the first Gulf War.

"Black then, I didn't know what I was getting into. We had only been married a month. It was almost easier back then because I was so naive and not understanding what a separation is like," she said.

While the families watched, the soldiers carried unit colors, stood in formation and were saluted by artillery. Division commander Maj. Gen. John R. Wood addressed them.

The soldiers of Strikeforce spent almost every waking moment, since they learned of their mission, preparing for a different environment, a different enemy and a different type of war, Wood said.

"They have mastered new skills in tough individual and unit training, over long hours and through terrible weather, under the scrutiny of trained observers and to the highest possible standards. They have been measured and found ready," he said.

No force in the U.S. Army started training for a mission more ready to fight or finished so skilled to succeed, Wood told the soldiers.

"As the terrorists came to America, our warrior soldiers now come to them. But where the terrorists bring only fear and despair, our warriors bring hope and security. Where the terrorists hope to impose tyranny, our warriors fight to protect freedom," he said.

"Shortly, they will pick up that last bag, give that last hug, shake that last hand and deploy far from their home to fight the freedoms of peace," Wood said.

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Soldiers of the Army's 2nd Infantry Division wait for their names to be called from a flight manifest on Monday at a tent on Osan Air Base, South Korea. The troops are part of the division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, which is deploying from South Korea to Kuwait and eventually for duty in Iraq.

2nd ID soldiers leave Osan for staging area in Kuwait

BY FRANKLIN FISHER

Stars and Stripes

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — The first plane-load of 2nd Infantry Division troops deploying from South Korea to Iraq took off Monday in what officials said will be a weeklong air operation.

The planes will transport the 3,600 troops of the division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team to Kuwait, where they'll pick up their mission, preparing for combat equipment before driving into Iraq.

Plans called for 16 flights to leave over the next week or so, each with 300 troops aboard, said Air Force Maj. Mike Oberbroeckling, 731st Air Mobility Squadron. The first of the brigade's troops, each with 60 pounds of gear, began their day around 1 a.m. Monday at the division's Camp Casey in Tonguehead.

Before being moved to Osan, "they're getting either steak dinner or steak and eggs for breakfast, depending on the time of their flights," said Army Lt. Col. Dave Lee, the division's 1st Battalion, 38th Field Artillery Regiment commanding officer. Lee is overseeing the Army's part of the airlift operation.

Staff Sgt. Robert Williamson, 2nd Military Police Company, said his unit "got all manifested and things by about 0-three," or 3 a.m. The company's 1st Platoon is deploying with the brigade to Iraq.

By 7 a.m., the first troops boarded buses at Camp Casey and soon were rolling out of the installation, arriving at Osan several hours later, Williamson said. They waited in a spacious, air-conditioned tent near the Air Mobility Command terminal, listening for an Air Force passenger service agent with a clear, firm voice to call them from a flight manifest he held.

Upon hearing their names, soldiers answered "Here!" They hefted their gear and made their way through the white tent flaps, out into the hot, sunny day, for a short walk to the waiting buses. The sky overhead was clear blue with scattered clouds.

Sometime after noon, they were at the flight line and boarded a large white L1011 civilian jetliner chartered by the U.S. military. Most of this week's airlift will involve charter aircraft, but some military equipment will be put aboard military planes, officials said. Williamson said boarding the aircraft meant a chance at "a lot of sleep — about the only sleep we'll get for two weeks."

Aboard the first aircraft were 191 division troops. Of those, 150 will help unload the brigade's combat equipment from the two ships that sailed from Pusan, South Korea, last month, Lee said.

"They are being sent from the division to help download their equipment off the ships and then move it to a staging area when the brigade will fall in on the equipment for moving to Iraq," he said.

"They'll return eventually to South Korea. But the remaining 41 soldiers will remain deployed in Iraq, Lee said.

Meanwhile, the Air Force here has been playing its role. Should aircraft maintenance problems or other glitches cause significant delays, said Maj. David Kretz, commander of the 51st Services Squadron, "we'll bus them to the dining facility, give them a hot meal ... we'll bed them down."

The Air Force also has worked with the base's American Red Cross chapter to provide small comforts in a waiting area set up for the troops, he said. "We're snagging stand-up fans ... grabbing board games, cards, small recreational items to help them stay comfortable ... It's kind of the simple things ... We try to make them feel as comfortable as possible."

Many members of the base community, including dozens of his own squadron's airmen, have volunteered to help Red Cross staff provide beverages, snacks, recreational items, "help them set up — tables, chairs, things like that," Kretz said.

Williamson called the layout the best he's seen. "The Red Cross setup down there was awesome," he said moments before boarding the plane. "I've been deployed eight times. Not a lot of times when they've got air conditioning and food set up."

Senior Airman Jeffery Hunter, 731st Air Mobility Squadron, was working this week as airlift ground liaison between the Air Force and the brigade troops. He's present with the soldiers at a secure holding area set up for them on base, and reads their names from the flight manifest before they board buses for the flight line.

Waiting around can make soldiers "antsy," and a calm, patient outlook is important in working with them, he said.

"First thing, you gotta be really patient, be ready to adjust, because things always change. Take one thing at a time," said Hunter. "Because these troops, they've had to wait. They're anxious, obviously, about where they're going. They said goodbye to their families for however long."

And, Hunter added after a moment, "The most rewarding part of my job is seeing these troops come home to their families."

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Clarification

A story in Monday editions of Stripes contained misleading information. In the court-martial case of Navy Capt. Roger D. Edwards, found guilty Friday of wearing service medals and ribbons he did not rate, the Bureau of Naval Personnel or the Marine Corps Department of Manpower and Reserve Affairs has the final decision to which retirement benefits Edwards is entitled.

Fun outings planned for August

Three youth or family tours are being offered by the Youth Center at Yokota Air Base, Japan, during August.

The first, for ages 9 to 12, is on Friday to Shinrin Park, which has a water park, bike ride and obstacle course. The tour leaves Yokota at 9 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. The \$17-per-person cost covers the park entry fee and transportation.

The second, for youth of any age and their family members, is to the Sayama Tanabata Matsuri (Star Festival) on Sunday. This cultural festival is held at 8 p.m. on Sunday, and it will leave Yokota at 3 p.m. and return at 8:30 p.m.

The third, for ages 9-12, is to Summerland Amusement and Water Park on Aug. 20. The \$10 cost for the 9 a.m.-4 p.m. outing includes transportation and a ticket into the park, but eats for this trip are limited. Call the West Youth Center at DSN 225-2995 to sign up for any of the trips.

Education survey ongoing

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The Base Training and Education Flight is conducting a survey through Aug. 13.

The survey is designed to gauge education interest and needs, along with how well the base's programs are performing. The survey can be found at <https://afwex.langleigh.af.mil/>.

Warrant officers needed

The final warrant officer selection board for fiscal 2004 will be held Sept. 13, the U.S. Army recruiting command announced.

Patriot system technicians are in high demand this year, officials said.

To apply, a soldier must be a sergeant or above; hold a military occupational specialty rating of 14E, 14T, 14J or 27X or have a non-listed MOS with related experience in a listed field; possess four years of field experience in MOS 14E or 27X or five years of field experience in MOS 14T or 14J; and maintain a physical profile of at least 111121.

Preferred qualifications include an additional year of experience in a feeder MOS, one year in a supervisory position, 20 or more hours of college credit with at least six hours in English classes and six in math, and a written recommendation from a senior warrant officer in the same career field.

Completed applications must be forwarded no later than Aug. 15 to:

Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command

Attn: RCR0-SM-A

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Fort Knox, KY 40121-2725

For more information, visit the Army recruiting command's Web site at www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or send an e-mail to: wo-team@usarec.army.mil.

Late-season Fuji climb

Looking to climb Mount Fuji before the season ends? Sign up for a one-day climb scheduled by the Outdoor Recreation Center at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, on Aug. 7, 14 or 23. This climb is offered to individuals with intermediate climbing experience only. The tour will leave Yokosuka at 4:15 a.m. and return at 10 p.m. Climbing will start at the fifth station of the most famous mountain in Japan. Participation fee is \$50. Call the Outdoor Rec Center at DSN 243-5732 for more information or to sign up.

Downhill mountain biking tour

A downhill mountain biking tour is being offered Aug. 7 and Aug. 21 by the Outdoor Recreation Center at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan. The tour is to Pulpit Panorama. The summer mountain-bike park has three downhill courses with an elevation drop of 1,000 feet, a cross-country terrain and two dirt jump parks. The tour leaves Yokosuka at 4:45 a.m. and returns at 9 p.m. The cost is \$100 for the transportation, lift ticket and insurance. Contact the Outdoor Rec Center at DSN 243-5732 to sign up.

From staff reports

Child porn ends petty officer's career

O'Brien sailor gets 3 months in jail and bad-conduct discharge

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY

Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The long arm of the law reached halfway around the world Monday to pluck a once-promising petty officer from the Navy for viewing and possessing child pornography.

Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Schlink, an electronics technician on the destroyer USS O'Brien, was sentenced Monday to three months in jail and a bad-conduct discharge after pleading guilty to receiving and possessing some 300 pornographic images of girls under 18. The maximum imprisonment a military judge could give was 18 months.

Prosecutors had argued for a six-month sentence, saying that to be an exemplary sailor means more than being a good worker.

"We have to do the right thing," said Lt. Stella Lane.

The defense had asked for three months' confinement and no discharge.

Lt. Mary Thompson told the judge that most of the photos involved teenage girls under 18 in explicit poses, not prepubescent girls. "This is not someone who's obsessed with children," Thompson said. "Simply looking at photographs is all he's done."

Schlink, 32, described at sentencing by three senior and master chiefs he'd worked for as "100 percent dependable" — an "outstanding," "logbooked," "creatives" and his family. He said he most regretted the damage his actions had contributed to the lives of girls sexually exploited on pornographic Web sites.

He also regretted the damage to himself, he said. "Until Jan. 21 of this year, I was widely respected on the ship," he said.

Naval Criminal Investigative Service agents seized Schlink's computer several months ago after receiving a list of suspected offenders from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), in the Washington, D.C., area, prosecutors said.

The federal agency began an ongoing law-enforcement initiative in July 2003 called "Operation Predator" to target child-sex offenders, including human traffickers, pornographers and "Internet predators," among others, according to the ICE Web site.

Numerous arrests resulted from one particular investigation into global Internet child pornography. That investigation targeted a company in Belarus called Regpay, which the government says provided credit card billing services for more than 50 child-pornography sites.

In a February news release, ICE said its agents worldwide were focusing on people who'd purchased child pornography memberships from Regpay-affiliated Web sites, and that some 270,000 credit card transactions had been seized and thousands of suspects were being investigated.

Neither Yokosuka prosecutors nor Yokosuka's NCIS assistant special agent in charge could confirm Monday that Schlink's prosecution was among those resulting from the Regpay investigation. However, ICE did provide his name to NCIS, prosecutors said, based on a record of his pornography purchasing.

Schlink, a married father of two, told investigators he thought he had developed a problem with pornography in general, viewing it frequently during the week until his wife returned from work, and that it had created tension in his marriage.

On Monday, the judge offered that he often went home after work and logged on to the "BBC, CNN," or kept up with sports on his computer. What did Schlink do on his computer? the judge asked.

"Surf for porn, sir," Schlink said.

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Misawa shuts down Pancho Villa

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Pancho Villa closed and shutters were pulled down.

The base shut down the Mexican restaurant July 22, terminating its contract with the Pancho Villa concession holder. Base officials declined to name the concession holder, but restaurant Dave Scott previously has identified himself as the Pancho Villa proprietor.

The restaurant opened this spring in a building formerly housing an Italian restaurant with Stripes, said it was "a soft opening" and that he had too little time to train the staff and "have everything running perfectly."

Scott had a contract with the 35th Services Squadron to manage and staff the restaurant next to Misawa's golf course. He also contracted to provide golfers a beverage cart and food service.

"We wanted those three parts of the business to meet our expectations," said Col. Tom Yamni, 35th Mission Support Group commander. "That hasn't happened. After much discussion, we determined that to continue the contract would not be in our best long-term interest."

Yamni said he could not provide more details as to why base officials felt the arrangement wasn't in the "government's best interest."

But he said it was a painful decision. "We really wanted that place to succeed and we tried. We put every available resource we had ... to make the place succeed. It's a huge disappointment."

Scott, contacted Monday afternoon at his home in Kanagawa near Tokyo, said the closure surprised him.

"I had no complaints. They didn't tell me to do anything differently. I had no notices. They called me at 6 o'clock and told me over the phone 'You're closed,'" he said. "It wasn't right. I had no intention of closing it. It's a complete shock to me."

Misawa's Pancho Villa was Scott's third



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Diners, from left, Anna Antaya, Cindy Zimmerman, Heather Zimmerman, Missy Snyder and by Hoyle, and a Pancho Villa May 5, a week after the restaurant reopened following a three-week closure. Misawa Air Base closed the restaurant July 22.

restaurant. He opened the original one — a small, cozy establishment between Camp Zama and Sagami-hara housing area — 11 years ago. For two years, he's operated Pancho Villa at Yokota Air Base near Tokyo. He said the Yokota business is going well.

With a 120-diner capacity, the Misawa Pancho Villa was Scott's largest venture.

The restaurant opened March 29 but closed again after a week of long lines and slow service. Scott, in a previous interview with Stripes, said it was "a soft opening" and that he had too little time to train the staff and "have everything running perfectly."

The restaurant reopened April 28.

Some base residents indicated the restaurant's food and service were uneven.

Jaine Freedman, a Department of Defense Dependents Schools teacher at Misawa, said she and her family ate there recently and waited more than an hour for their food, she said. They asked for the

kids' meals to come out early, and "they didn't offer compensation for it being a bad experience," she said. "The service was pretty poor and the food was so-so."

Senior Master Sgt. Walter Humko of the 35th Logistics Readiness Squadron said, "We had to wait an extra 15 minutes for iced tea. I never went back again."

Airman 1st Class Evan Fish, however, was disappointed to hear the place closed: "The servings were big and the salsa was fresh. That's the only Mexican place that we have here."

Yamni said base officials intended to put another restaurant in the facility, though there are no guarantees. "Whether we do it ourselves, whether it's another contractor, we just don't know yet."

He noted that services held a job fair three days after Pancho Villa closed for the restaurant staff. Services officials said 11 employees came to the fair and three currently are working for services. Scott in May said he had a staff of 55.

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Financial buildings open under terror threat

Extra security seen at offices in N.Y., D.C., N.J. after warnings

By KATHERINE PFLEGER
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Financial institutions identified as targets of a terrorist plot in three cities opened for business Monday under stepped-up security and defiant words from people who said they won't be cowed by the extraordinary intelligence pointing to a potential attack.

Police sealed off some streets in New York, put international-finance employees in Washington through extra security checks, and added barricades and a heavy armed presence in Newark, N.J., in response to a heightened terrorism alert aimed specifically at titans of the financial sector.

Treasury Secretary John Snow, quick to try to reassure investors and Americans generally, said the nation's financial system operated normally in the first few weeks of the code-orange alert.

"People around the world rightly have confidence in the U.S. financial markets," Snow said. "While we must always remain vigilant against terror, we will not be intimidated and prevented from enjoying our lives and exercising our freedoms."

Police checked identity cards as employees filed in to the World Bank headquarters, and guards at its sister institution across the street, the International Monetary Fund, swept the underside of cars with detecting devices as they entered the garage.

"I'm concerned but we have to carry on as normal," said Shirley Davies of Britain, who has worked at the IMF for seven years. The bank and the fund are among the largest employers in Washington, with more than 10,000 people in both buildings, two blocks from the White House.

Along with the international in-

stitutions, authorities placed the Citigroup Center building in New York, the New York Stock Exchange and Prudential Financial Inc.'s headquarters in Newark, N.J., under heavy scrutiny after unusually detailed information identified those buildings as terrorism targets, and prompted the government to raise its terrorism alert.

"We are a nation in danger," President Bush said as he met with reporters at the White House to embrace the concept of a new national intelligence czar. "We are doing everything in our power to confront the danger."

New York police closed several streets in midtown Manhattan and banned trucks from bridges and tunnels leading to Wall Street.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Gov. George Pataki rang the opening bell at the stock exchange in a show of confidence in the city's precautions.

"America and New Yorkers are pulling together here, and they're not going to be cowed," Bloomberg said.

A cache of recently obtained information—including hundreds of photos, drawings and written documents—indicates that al-Qaida operatives have undertaken meticulous preparations to seize the five specific buildings.

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge on Sunday raised the terror threat level for financial institutions in the three cities to orange, or high alert, the second highest level on the government's five-point spectrum.

Elsewhere, he said, the alert would remain at yellow, or elevated.

"Iconic economic targets are at the heart of (the terrorists') interest," Ridge said.

There was no obvious boost in security at the White House, where defenses were stiffened after the Sept. 11 attacks.



A private security officer checks identification Monday outside the headquarters of the World Bank in Washington.

Pakistan raid reveals plans

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan—Pakistani intelligence agents found plans for new attacks against the United States and Britain on a computer seized during the arrest of a senior al-Qaida suspect wanted for the 1998 twin U.S. embassy bombings in East Africa, the information minister said.

The plans were found in e-mails on the computer of Ahmed Khalifa Ghailani, a Tanzanian arrested July 25 after a 12-hour gunbattle in the eastern city of Gujrat, Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said Monday.

"We got a few e-mails from Ghailani's computer about [plans for] attacks in the U.S. and U.K.," he said, adding that the information has been shared

with Pakistan's allies—a reference to the United States.

Ahmed said authorities also have arrested another top suspect believed to be a computer and communications expert, and that that man was cooperating with investigators. The New York Times on Monday reported that a 25-year-old computer engineer named Muhammad Naieem Nor Khan was arrested in Pakistan on July 13, apparently a reference to the same man.

Interior Minister Faisal Saleh Hayat confirmed that Ghailani was sharing "vital" information. An intelligence official said on condition of anonymity that the information about a U.S. attack appeared to be centered on New York.

Munir Ahmad of The Associated Press contributed to this report in Islamabad.

Intelligence described new targets in detail

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—The government provided details Sunday of new intelligence it had obtained that led to the increased threat level against financial institutions, including several specific buildings.

A senior intelligence official described the details only on condition of anonymity. He said it was the most extraordinary detail he had seen in 24 years of intelligence work.

As examples, the official said the government learned that potential plotters had been accumulating information on:

- The flow of pedestrians outside one building — 14 people per minute midweek on each side of the sidewalks, or 28 per minute.

- Whether some explosive materials might not be hot enough to melt the steel underpinnings of a building, and a reference to what materials might heat to 2,700 degrees.

- Ideas for building reconnaissance, such as the view from a window table at a nearby coffee shop.

- Details about specific security checkpoints inside buildings, including a tidbit that people turned left after passing one particular checkpoint.

- Places to make contact with building employees.

- Construction characteristics of some buildings that might prevent their collapse.

- Locations of police stations, fire departments, schools and hospitals in the vicinity of the targets.

- Changes in day-to-day security, including lesser security on Sundays and days when elevators don't operate.

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IN THE STATES

Bush supports new post

President backs 9/11 panel's recommendation for national intelligence czar, counterterrorism center

BY DEB RIECHMANN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday endorsed creation of a national intelligence czar and counterterrorism center — his first steps in revamping the nation's intelligence-gathering system to help prevent a repeat of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"We are a nation in danger," Bush said as he announced his position during an appearance with top administration national security figures in the White House Rose Garden. Bush thus embraced, with some changes, two key recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission, which outlined lapses in intelligence that left America vulnerable to the attacks.

The bipartisan panel's most overarching recommendations in a 567-page report were for creation of a counterterrorism center, which the commission envisions as a joint operational planning and intelligence center staffed by personnel from all the spy agencies, and a national intelligence czar.

The chairman of the Sept. 11

commission, former New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean, and former Rep. Lee Hamilton have insisted that the center and the national intelligence director position be placed in the executive office of the president to give the White House clout in dealing with all the nation's intelligence agencies.

Bush said he wants them set up outside the White House.

"I don't think the person should be a member of my Cabinet," Bush said. "I will hire the person and I can fire the person... I don't think that the office should be in the White House, however, I think it should be a stand-alone group to better coordinate."

Intelligence reforms to help thwart a repeat of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, took on spe-

cial urgency with the announcement Sunday by authorities that they had uncovered a plot by the al-Qaida terror network to attack five prominent financial institutions in New York City, Washington and Newark, N.J.

In asking Congress to create the position of a national intelligence director, Bush said the person holding the post would be appointed by the president, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and would serve at the pleasure of the president. The director would serve as the president's principal intelligence adviser, overseeing and coordinating the foreign and domestic activities of the intelligence community.

Currently, the CIA director not only heads his own agency but also oversees the U.S. intelligence community, which has grown to 15 agencies. But the director has neither budgetary authority nor day-to-day operational control of the other agencies, most of which are in the Defense Department. A national intelligence director would oversee all the agencies.



Bush

Supreme Court to revisit prison sentencing rules

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to settle whether long-standing federal rules for sentencing criminals violate the Constitution, a question that has thrown federal courthouses into disarray this summer.

The high court said it will hear two cases suggested by the Bush administration. The Justice Department had rushed the appeals just weeks after the court ruled major portions of a state sentencing system unconstitutional.

That system in the state of Washington, like the federal sentencing system, relied on judges to make many decisions that can affect the length of a defendant's sentence. The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in June that juries must decide any matter that can lengthen a sentence beyond the maximum set out in state sentencing guidelines, or the defendant must admit it.

Federal trial judges routinely make such findings as the quantity of drugs involved in a crime or whether a gun was used.

The Bush administration is defending the federal sentencing system, usually known as the sentencing guidelines. The guidelines give judges a range of possible punishments for a given crime, and make it difficult for judges to go outside those boundaries.

Missing Utah woman's husband arrested

SALT LAKE CITY — The husband of a pregnant woman who disappeared two weeks ago has been arrested on suspicion of aggravated murder, police announced Monday.

Lori Hacking, 27, has been missing since July 19, when her husband told authorities that she failed to return from an early morning jog. Her body has not been found.

The investigation took a grim turn over the weekend when her relatives asked volunteers to stop looking for her in response to new information from Mark Hacking.

"We believe that Mark Hacking is responsible for her disappearance and her death," Police Chief Rick Dinse said Monday.

Dinse said investigators believe Lori Hacking was killed in her apartment, but did not say how.

Hacking, 28, was taken to a psychiatric ward the day after he reported his wife missing, after he was seen running around at night naked in sandals outside a motel where he'd taken a room.

Investigators focused on Hacking after learning he was at a store buying a new mattress just before reporting his wife missing. They did not confirm reports that they found a mattress in a trash bin.

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IN THE WORLD

Japan traces radioactive soil to U.S. tests

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI
The Associated Press

TOKYO — Radioactive plutonium particles from U.S. nuclear weapons tests in the Pacific some 50 years ago have been detected for the first time in Japanese waters, researchers said Monday.

The particles were found in soil samples from Sagami Bay, about 30 miles southwest of Tokyo, researchers at the National Institute of Radiological Science said.

The plutonium particles matched the fallout from the

blasts at the Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands. They pose no environmental risk, said research team leader Masatoshi Yamada.

Yamada said coral particles pulverized in the explosions started accumulating in the bay soon after the weapons tests, which lasted from 1946 until 1958.

"We believe the plutonium was washed up toward Japanese waters by the ocean current," Yamada said. He said his team plans to conduct similar surveys at other Japanese shorelines, including on the Japan Sea and East China Sea, to determine how plutonium from the Bikini Atoll traveled to Japan over the years.

"If we can determine how the plutonium particles traveled around the world, we can predict what may happen in case of an emergency, such as a nuclear accident," he added.

The Bikini tests are well-known in Japan because 23 Japanese fishermen were contaminated by radiation when their tuna trawler was showered by fallout in the area in March 1954.

A radio operator of the boat died from the effects of radiation poisoning six months after the blast at sea, followed by 11 others who died from liver ailments linked to the same cause.

Convicted collaborators killed in Gaza hospital attacks

BY IBRAHIM BARZAK
The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Palestinian gunmen twice broke into a Gaza City hospital and killed convicted collaborators with Israeli intelligence, hours after they were brought for treatment of wounds suffered when a grenade exploded in their jail cell.

The dead were identified as Mahmoud al-Sharif, 52, and Walid Hamdiyah, 42. They were killed in similar attacks a few hours apart. Gunmen pulled up to Shifa Hospital in several vehicles.

While some militants closed the street, others raced into the hospital and gunned down the convicted collaborators.

Hamdiyah confessed during a 2002 trial to providing Israel with information that helped its forces kill Imad Akef, a founder of the Hamas military wing, in 1993.

Al-Sharif was convicted in 1999 of being involved in the killing of Mahmoud al-Khawja, the founder of Islamic Jihad's military wing, four years earlier.

Assassinations of collaborators are relatively common, but this one came amid growing lawlessness in the Palestinian territories that has highlighted police's inability to rein in violence.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, hundreds of Palestinians rallied Monday in support of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has been under a barrage of criticism over lawlessness and corruption in the Palestinian territories. The rally came a day after Arab newspapers published unusually sharp comments against Arafat by Mohammed Dahlan, a former Gaza security chief campaigning for reform in Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

"You are the defenders of the sacred land," Arafat told the crowd, praising his supporters for "thwarting the conspiracy" against him.

1 dead, 2 missing as heavy rains drench Japan

TOKYO — Heavy rains drenched a broad swath of southern Japan on Monday, causing flash floods and landslides that killed an elderly woman and left two people missing. Hundreds felt their homes and more than a dozen injuries were reported.

Since last Friday — when a typhoon drew near the southern main islands of Shikoku and Kyushu — as much as 48 inches of rain has fallen in some areas, national Fire and Disaster Management Agency spokesman Hideyuki Shigematsu said.

Monday's storm affected 10 prefectures, flooding or leveling 2,140 homes and leaving at least 18 people injured, including three seriously, he said.

Heavy rains were expected to continue through Tuesday in parts of southern Japan, the Meteorological Agency said.

An 84-year-old woman's body was found floating in a river in Matsuyama city, 425 miles southwest of Tokyo, Shigematsu said.

In neighboring Tokushima prefecture, police and firefighters were searching for a couple in their 70s who were missing after their home was partially buried by a mudslide, he said.

Japanese man confesses to fatally stabbing 7

TOKYO — A Japanese man confessed to stabbing to death seven of his relatives early Monday, police said.

Yasutaka Fujishiro, 47, was arrested after crashing his car in the Kakogawa city neighborhood where the crimes occurred. According to police, Fujishiro said he was related to the victims and that he'd stabbed the four men and three women in two separate houses and set fire to a third home owned by the family.

Japan's public broadcaster NHK said the suspect told authorities he was driven by many years of "hatred."

The victims were Toshiko Fujishiro, 80, and her sons, Katsunori, 55, and Yoshihisa, 46; Toshiko's son Fujishiro, 46, his wife Sumiko, 64, and their 27-year-old son, Shinichi, and 26-year-old daughter, Mi-dori, Japanese media reported.

Most of the victims were believed to have been sleeping at the time of the attack, just after 3 a.m., reports said.

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A firefighter carries a woman out of the Ycua Bolanos supermarket in Asuncion, Paraguay, on Sunday. A deadly fire broke out at the supermarket while it was crowded with midday shoppers.

Grocery fire kills 318, injures 276 in Paraguay

Cause unknown; mourning period declared

BY PEDRO SERVIN
The Associated Press

ASUNCION, Paraguay — Survivors of an inferno in a crowded supermarket said locked doors slowed their escape from the fast-spreading fire that killed at least 318 people in Paraguay's worst disaster in more than half a century.

Hundreds more were injured, many with serious burns, after the blaze swept through the multi-level Ycua Bolanos supermarket on the outskirts of the capital, Asuncion, while it was crowded with shoppers midday Sunday.

Eustaquio Colman, an Interior Ministry official, said some bodies recovered Monday were burned beyond recognition. The Health Ministry said 276 people were injured, including 70 with critical burns or breathing problems.

Officials said it was the worst tragedy in Paraguay since a failed military insurrection in 1947 left some 8,000 people dead.

The heat of the blaze caused one floor to collapse, crushing dozens of cars in the parking lot below as flames engulfed the motorists inside, police said. Badly burned bodies, some with twisted limbs, were pulled from the debris Sunday as black smoke billowed overhead. Rescuers led

away dozens of children found near the store's toy department.

"This is a moment of great anguish," President Nicanor Duarte said as he declared three days of national mourning. Classes were also canceled in Asuncion, and people jammed hospitals and clinics to donate blood.

Authorities said they had detained two owners of the supermarket for questioning about reports by some survivors that doors had been locked. A statement released by the management denied doors were locked after the fire broke out to prevent looting.

Police said they also were investigating survivor accounts the fire may have been fueled by an exploding gas canister in the food court area. Authorities said they still had not concluded what caused the blaze.

Fearful of dangers of working in the still-smoldering building overnight, rescue workers and firefighters resumed digging Monday, trying to work their way further into the crushed parking garage and food court.

Authorities warned they still could find further victims in the sprawling complex. The head of a volunteer fire brigade, Capt. David Rojas, said identification of many of the remains would go slowly.

Accidents shut down Princess Di's fountain

BY JANE WARDELL
The Associated Press

LONDON — It was meant to be the perfect tribute to the "people's princess" — a pool of water designed for children to frolic in, rather than a stark stone obelisk to be stared at.

But the hopes behind the Princess Diana Memorial Fountain in London's Hyde Park have been thwarted by a mixture of bad luck and apparent poor planning.

On Sunday, the circular moat lay drained of water behind a seven-foot-high link fence to keep people out.

"It's disappointing. We came to the park specially to see it and it's just a dry stone circle," said Australian tourist Ruth Petersen, 26.

The \$6.5 million fountain, opened in a grand ceremony by Queen Elizabeth II less than a month ago, was closed indefinitely after three people, including a child, slipped and injured themselves while wading in it.

Environmental experts blamed the designers, claiming it should have been obvious that a granite moat combined with flowing fresh water would be a

breeding ground for slippery algae.

The ring of water, designed by American Kathryn Gustafson, was chosen ahead of 57 other entries as the permanent memorial for Diana in the capital. Gustafson said her design reflected aspects of the personality of Diana, the "people's princess" known for her love of children who died in a 1997 Paris car crash.

Diana's mother, the late Frances Shand Kydd, was unimpressed. In 2002, she criticized plans for the memorial for a "lack of grandeur."

When the fountain was opened on July 6, other critics branded it a storm drain, a prophecy that came true a day later when high winds and heavy rain hit the capital.

The fountain became blocked with leaves and overflowed onto the surrounding lawn. It was closed for a few days for a clean-up and Royal Parks assigned extra people to continually clear the fountain of debris.

Its reopening was short-lived. Royal Parks shut off the water again on July 22 after three people slipped, including a child who suffered a bump on the head and some bleeding.



Bethany Lucas, left, 10, and her friend Rebecca McConnell splash around after last month's opening of the fountain built in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, in London's Hyde Park. On Sunday, the circular moat lay drained of water behind a seven-foot high link fence. The \$6.5 million fountain was closed indefinitely after three people, including a child, slipped and injured themselves while wading in it.

Gypsies honor WWII dead

BRZEZINKA, Poland — Gypsies from across Europe met at the former Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp Monday to remember hundreds of thousands of their ancestors killed by the Nazis and call for wider recognition of the "Gypsy Holocaust."

The ceremony was held exactly 60 years after the night the Nazis gassed the final 2,900 Gypsies being held in the camp.

"Like the Jews, the Sinti and Roma were brutally persecuted and systematically murdered with an inhuman determination," said Germany's envoy to the ceremony, Environment Minister

Juergen Trittin. "This genocide is part of our history," he said. "As Germans, we carry the historic and the political responsibility."

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Iraq-bound units have storied legacies

The units that make up Strikeforce have some of the proudest histories in the U.S. Army.

■ Soldiers from the 503rd Infantry Regiment recaptured the island of Corregidor during some of the bloodiest hand-to-hand fighting ever seen in World War II.

The regiment's present-day soldiers will take a small piece of the rock of Corregidor with them to Iraq.

■ The original band of brothers, the soldiers of the Currahees of the 506th Infantry Regiment, jumped into the night sky over the high ground at Normandy beach, opened the door to Hitler's Atlantic Wall and led the way through Bastogne to victory in World War II, winning 25 Distinguished Service Crosses in their fight across Europe.

■ Another unit deploying is one of the

oldest active units in the Army, the 1st Battalion of the 9th Infantry Regiment.

The Manchus trace their lineage back to 1799 and get their name from the China Expedition, in which three of their soldiers earned the Medal of Honor in a single day.

■ The Redlegs of 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery have participated in virtually every major Army battle from World War I through the first Gulf War.

■ The Dragon Force of the 72nd Armor Regiment was sent to battle immediately upon being activated during World War II but earned its renown for spearheading the breakout from Inchon during the Korean War.

■ The "Broken Heart" battalion of the 44th Engineers has spent more than 80 percent of its active service in Korea.

■ Soldiers from the 2nd Forward Support Battalion helped design the Indian-

head patch and the unit has sustained the division since 1917.

■ The 122nd Signal Battalion first saw battle in the Philippines in 1899. In Korea, the unit was awarded several Presidential Unit Citations for courage and bravery under enemy fire.

■ The 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion is formed from companies that saw action in 14 campaigns during the Korean War.

■ The 5th Air Defense Artillery, the Dragon Slayers, have manned cannons, coastal guns, anti-aircraft guns, rockets, and howitzers.

■ The Second Military Police Company saw action in World War I, fought alongside the infantry in Korea, and provided the first U.S. soldier to enter Pyongyang as United Nations forces entered North Korea.

Source: 2nd Infantry Division

Strikeforce: Team's first challenge will be heat

STRIKEFORCE, FROM PAGE 3

For more than 50 years, U.S. soldiers have stood stout against their South Korean allies against the tyranny of North Korea that, he said, now, the commander added, the soldiers of Strikeforce are the promise of a new future for a distant land.

"A land that is only now beginning to understand the freedom that this alliance protects so well and our people cherish so dearly. It is my fervent prayer that in the future, the Iraqi people will remember when freedom was new and hope was just beginning. They will remember how these men and women ... made that dream a reality," he said.

After Wood's speech, the Strikeforce soldiers marched past their leaders and well-wishers to loud cheers and applause.

The soldiers had a look of steely resolve, as if there were Iraqi insurgents waiting for them at the far end of the parade ground. One soldier caught himself smiling but quickly resumed a serious look.

Strikeforce commander Col. Gary S. Patton told South Korean and U.S. reporters that his soldiers' first challenge in the Middle East will be the extremely hot weather.

Once soldiers acclimatize, they will "get themselves organized and take the fight to the enemy," Patton said.

After the parade most soldiers headed for a block party at the Camp Casey Golf Club that included live music, free food and fireworks.

But others headed for trans-

port bound for Osan Air Base and military-chartered flights to the Middle East.

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EXCHANGE RATES

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3-month bill	1.44
30-year bond	5.20

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

214th Coast Guard Birthday

August 4, 2004



The Coast Guard's new 214th (Honoring) Infantry Unit practices its interpretive gymnastics with the United States Department of Natural Resources near the Statue of Liberty in New York City. May 16, 2004. The Coast Guard celebrated a low-security coast during the 214th birthday of the United States Coast Guard. The Coast Guard's Public Affairs Division is the official public affairs office of the U.S. Coast Guard. (Released)

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Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Squandering inheritances

CBS MarketWatch.com

BOSTON — Where there's a will, there are many ways.

Seniors who want to leave a legacy often think in terms of cold hard cash, for good reason. An estimated \$41 trillion to \$136 trillion will pass from one generation to the next between 2000 and this century's mid-point.

But anyone who wants to create a legacy that lasts ought to broaden the definition of inheritance to address human, intellectual and social capital.

"It's a peculiar reality of all cultures," says Jay Hughes, author of "Family Wealth — Keeping It in the Family." "Wealth tends to disappear within three generations. It's deep in the human condition."

Hughes says there are four reasons why a sum of money left to heirs is often squandered.

First, money follows the second law of thermodynamics. The law of entropy suggests that everything (including a family's

money) is proceeding back to a state of disorder or dissipation. One generation creates the wealth, another spends it, and by the third generation, the money is gone.

The second reason is that most heirs use an "if-you-do-this-for-us, we'll-do-this-for-you" approach to distributing their family's wealth. Attached strings tend to have a bad outcome.

Third, families that view life as a series of transactions tend to have trouble transferring wealth. By contrast, those who've succeeded in passing down their wealth, such as the Rockefellers and Rothschilds, viewed life as a series of long-linked transactions.

Fourth, most families tend to view themselves as families of blood rather than families of affinity. Families of blood often create closed systems that produce negative energy. By contrast, families of affinity create open-architecture systems that produce positive energy.

Hope, possibility and achievement



BURKE ZIELSDORF/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Members of the New York Fire Department pose Sunday with soldiers recovering from injuries sustained in Iraq just before the start of the Second Annual Achilles Hope & Possibility 5-Mile Run/Walk in Central Park. More than 30 soldier-amputees from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., ran, walked or rode handcrank bicycles or wheelchairs and were supported throughout by the firefighters and the almost 2,000 participants. Staff Sgt. Hilbert Caesar was the first soldier to wheel to a finish. Caesar, of the 4th Battalion, 27th Infantry from Baumholder, Germany, lost his right leg when the howitzer in which he was riding was hit by an improvised explosive device outside of the Baghdad airport in April.

In Afghanistan, Apache Troop makes the battle come to them

Psyops unit baits Taliban to come out, 'fight us like men'

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE TIGER, Afghanistan — Frustrated that Taliban fighters were making themselves scarce, cavalry commander Capt. Brian Peterson ordered his psychological operations detachment to find a way to get the enemy onto the battlefield.

Their solution: shame. The soldiers drove into the mountainous region of southern Afghanistan near Tarin Kowt, a known Taliban stronghold, and blared through Humvee-mounted loudspeakers a simple message.

"Take off your burkas," Afghan interpreters shouted, referring to the head-to-toe powder blue shrouds Taliban leaders once forced all women in the country to wear. "Come out and fight us like men."

Peterson, commander of the 25th Infantry Division's Hawaii-based 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment's Apache Troop, had heard of Special Forces units using similar schoolyard tactics to dishonor local insurgents into a fight and figured it couldn't hurt to try.

He knew Taliban fighters were out there. Local villagers were being threatened to stay away from U.N. voter registration efforts for the country's Oct. 9 presidential elections.

It didn't take long to get an answer to Peterson's cantankerous call to arms. Within hours, an angry ambush was unleashed, a heavy fusillade of automatic weapons fire raining down from two sides as his patrol moved through a steep valley.

"The bullets were zinging within a few inches of my head, I could actually feel their heat," said 50-caliber machine gunner Sgt. Michael Plummer, 25, from Klamath Falls, Ore.

He was astounded. After four months in Afghanistan, this was Apache Troop's first contact with the enemy.

"I couldn't believe they were actually shooting at us," said Plummer.

Pushing his patrol of Humvees through the ambush kill zone, Peterson turned his men around and charged back into the fray.

"We weren't going to run from those punks," said Peterson. "We chased them up the mountain."

After a 45-minute gunfight, four Afghan guerrillas lay dead and another four were captured.

None of Peterson's men were injured.

"We're pretty sure we got more, but they carry their dead away," said Peterson.

It's hard to tell how many escaped, he said, adding "they can run, but they'll only die tired."

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Turkish hostage killed; truckers to leave Iraq

BY RAVI NESSMAN

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Masked gunmen shot a blindfolded Turkish contractor three times in the head in a gruesome Internet video meant to warn Muslim workers to stay out of Iraq. Soon after the video was discovered Monday, Turkish truckers announced they would stop hauling goods for U.S. forces in hopes of saving two other Turkish hostages.

The U.S. State Department condemned the killing as "a heinous and barbarous act."

"It is a tragic reminder that there are those elements in Iraq that are bent on thwarting the will of the vast majority of the Iraqi people," said spokesman Adam Ereli.

The truckers' decision was another victory for militants who have taken more than 70 foreigners hostage as leverage to drive coalition forces and anyone supporting them out of the country.

Meanwhile, U.S. Marines fought Monday with gunmen protecting radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's house in clashes that killed one woman and wounded three others in the Iraqi holy city of Najaf, hospital officials said.

Al-Sadr, whose followers fought a two-month rebellion against U.S. forces in early April that died down after a series of truces, was in his house at the time, witnesses said.

The U.S. Marines said they had been attacked with small arms, rocket-propelled grenades and mortars during a security patrol in the city. They returned fire, killing two insurgents, the military said in a statement.

Witnesses said the fighting Monday began when U.S. military vehicles entered the Zahra area near al-Sadr's house, which is protected by his militia, the Mahdi Army. The Marines said they were only patrolling areas of the city authorized under the cease-fire agreement.

Also Monday, Iraqi government and religious leaders lashed out at a coordinated series of car bombings on Iraqi churches during Sunday evening services that killed at least seven people and wounded 37 others.

"We condemn and reproach these heinous crimes," said Iraq's most senior Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Hussein al-Sistani, who added that the attacks "targeted Iraq's unity, stability and independence."

The government said it did not know who was behind the bombings.

"Sources of danger, however, are represented by al-Qaida's followers and supporters of the

former regime," Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh told reporters Monday.

Jordanian-born militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who is linked to al-Qaida, has claimed responsibility for a spate of recent attacks, including a coordinated series of suicide bombings and other attacks on police stations June 24 that killed 89 people and wounded 318 others.

Al-Zarqawi's group often uses suicide bombers; the explosions Sunday came from booby-trapped cars.

The 15-month-old violent insurgency has been marked by bombings, assassinations, mortar attacks and other violence intended to destabilize the country, hamper reconstruction efforts and drive out coalition forces.

In recent weeks, militants, buoyed by the Philippine decision to pull its troops out of Iraq to save the life of a Filipino truck driver — have intensified their kidnapping efforts in a drive to scare foreign contractors and truck drivers out of the country.

A few companies have complied, and several countries — including the Philippines, Bulgaria, Kenya and Egypt — have warned their citizens not to work here.

Militants from al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad group said Saturday they would kill the two drivers within 48 hours if their employers did not leave Iraq. Al-Zarqawi's group was behind previous hostage crises, including the beheadings of U.S. businessman Nicholas Berg, South Korean translator Kim Sun-il and Bulgarian truck driver Georgi Lazov.

Between 200 and 300 Turkish trucks enter Iraq every day to bring fuel, food and other supplies to U.S. forces, said Cahit Soysal, head of the International Transporters' Association.

"As of today, those trucks won't be crossing into Iraq," he said.

It was unclear how the move would affect U.S. forces here; the military did not respond to requests for comment. The military has previously said it provides security and escorts for truck convoys delivering cargo to troops.

Erkum Aksoy, head of the Turkish-Iraqi business council, said he did not expect the move to have a major impact and thought Turkish drivers could hand off shipments to Iraqi drivers at the border.

In another apparent victory for the United States, the Associated Press said Monday it would free a Somali truck driver in response to his Kuwaiti company's pledge to stop working in Iraq. Al-Jazeera television reported.

Associated Press writer Louis Melisier in Ankara, Turkey, contributed to this report.

Franks' book offers background for war

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WASHINGTON — The United States will have troops in Iraq and Afghanistan for three to five years, retired Gen. Tommy Franks told reporters Monday during a teleconference to mark the release of his new book, "American Soldier."

As the commander of U.S. Central Command, Franks was the chief architect of war strategy in Iraq and Afghanistan.

It will take up to five years to train and equip the Iraqi military and security forces, but the number of Iraqis signing up is encouraging, he said.

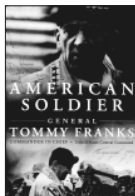
"When you look at the number of Iraqis signing on to the nation's security forces, [it's] about 200,000 now," he said. "As the stability increases, U.S. troop involvement will begin to come down."

And it takes time to solve the problems of 25 million people, Franks said, noting that the media continue to ignore the fact that power is distributed throughout the country, that 32,000 teachers have been trained and that 9 million textbooks are now available in Iraqi schools.

But he remained optimistic: "I believe the security situation will improve... beginning perhaps in six to eight months."

Franks said.

Franks discussed several items in the



Retired Gen. Tommy Franks spoke to reporters on the eve of the release of his book, "American Soldier."

Regan Books

book, including his assertions that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is effective but too controlling in his management style, that the Iraq war was not planned directly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and that it was his idea for President Bush to land on the USS Abraham Lincoln to declare an end to "major combat operations" in Iraq.

President Bush needed to acknowledge the "service and sacrifice" of U.S. troops on the ground in Iraq, Franks wrote, and noted Monday that the United States needed to signal coalition partners not willing to have combat troops in Iraq that a new phase had begun, and these nations' postcombat capa-

bilities would be welcomed. Franks said he regretted the "unintended consequences" of his suggestion. The event "was not so everyone could have a victory lap," he said.

Franks disputed former anti-terrorism adviser Richard Clarke's assertion that Bush was fixated on Iraq immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

"That isn't the case," Franks said. Bush "didn't ask me in the days following 9/11" to start preparing for battle against Saddam Hussein.

It was not until shortly after Thanksgiving 2001 — after the fall of the Taliban —

Egypt denies Franks' weapons of mass destruction claim

CAIRO, Egypt — Egypt on Monday denied remarks by retired Gen. Tommy Franks that President Hosni Mubarak told him that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction.

"Such a claim is void of truth," Egyptian presidential spokesman Magad Abdel Fattah told the official Middle East News Agency.

In an interview with Parade magazine to promote his book, "American Soldier," Franks recalled that both Mubarak and Jordan's King Abdullah told him two months before the Iraq war that Saddam had chemical and biological weapons.

In Jordan, a Royal Palace official who refused to be identified said: "His Majesty did not have information that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction."

In its Sunday edition, Parade quoted Franks — who led the U.S.-led war against Iraq — as saying that Mubarak told him Saddam would use the weapons against American troops in case of war.

"What happened was that Franks asked the president for an assessment of reports on Iraq's possession of WMDs, and the president simply said that Egypt had been following the developments in Iraq, but it could not confirm whether Iraq possessed any weapons of mass destruction or whether these could be used against U.S. forces in case of U.S. military interference in Iraq," Abdel Fattah said.

From The Associated Press

that Rumsfeld contacted Franks "and asked us to dust off our Iraq plans," Franks said.

Even as the Afghanistan operation was under way, Franks said he was frustrated by the continuing attacks against U.S. aircraft monitoring the no-fly zones in Iraq.

Rumsfeld's request "certainly didn't chagrin me," he said.

Rumsfeld did "chagrin" Franks with his intrusive management style, on occasion.

"You have to give people more ownership. I think he could be more user-friendly," Franks said. "But you have to give him credit for being very, very effective."

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Funny girl Greer's career on the rise with serious turn in 'The Village'

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fans of the Fox comedy "Arrested Development" will recognize Judy Greer for her recurring role as flighty, slightly insane secretary Kitty. Now Greer is playing another character named Kitty in a very different setting.

She's one of the frightened residents in "The Village," the new thriller from M. Night Shyamalan about an insular town surrounded by dark forces in the woods in 1897 Pennsylvania.

It's a big shift for the actress best known for her comic supporting roles. She played Jennifer Garner's mean-girl best friend in "13 Going on 30," Adam Goldberg's sidekick in the parody "The Hebrew Hammer," and Jennifer Lopez's ditz assistant in "The Wedding Planner."

But she's also had some pivotal, serious roles: the waitress who becomes the object of Nicolas Cage's obsession in "Adaptation" and the moose office clerk who's planning to kill himself, until Mel Gibson stops her, in "What Women Want."

With about a half-dozen movies and a TV pilot in the next year or so, including Cameron Crowe's latest, "Elizabethtown," Greer's career is very much alive. She talked with The Associated Press in a giddy, giggly phone interview from her Los Angeles home.

Q This movie is very different from the previous ones you've acted in. How did you prepare for it?

A I don't tend to do a lot of preparation, which could change depending on the subject's expected me. He had us come out two weeks early. We rehearsed, we lived together. We went to movie star boot camp where we learned about the period, different speakers in the morning would teach us class, then we rehearsed in the afternoon. We went swimming, canoeing, we lived in tents, we couldn't bring our cell phones. ... I'll tell you one thing, you put on a corset, it changes everything. Right now I'm sitting on the bed cross-legged with a cup of coffee, hunched over. A corset forces you to sit up straight, and when you sit up straight it changes your character. It's the same difference between flip-flops and Manolo Blahniks — it changes the way you walk, and when you change the way you walk, you change the way you are.

Q Shyamalan told me he brought you in as comic relief, to provide a much-needed levity. Was making this film sometimes unbearable?

A We had so much fun! He's right about that — my scenes are funny. And then when we shot stuff that was not funny, we were still laughing, jumping up and down, running around.

Q Did it ever get spooky shooting out there in the woods?

A There's one scene where I shot many, many takes, and in the beginning I was pretty scared but after a while we were back to our old



Actress Judy Greer poses for a photo in her Los Angeles home on July 19. As she waits to revive her role as the slightly insane secretary on the second season of Fox's "Arrested Development," the actress reflects on her turn in M. Night Shyamalan's "The Village."

"I still get recognized all the time from 'The Wedding Planner' and that was, like, five years ago. ... [W]hen I get recognized for 'Arrested Development' I'm like, whoever it is that recognizes me from that, I like. I think anyone who likes that show is smart and funny."

Judy Greer

antics. We were totally in the middle of nowhere in a great, big, giant bubble. It was like a scary movie biosphere.

Q When you were shooting "The Wedding Planner," was there just one insane moment of media and paparazzi following Jennifer Lopez?

A It was actually worse for Jennifer Garner. "The Wedding Planner" was a long time ago. ... I don't remember having problems with paparazzi at all — not like with Jennifer Garner. We were shooting in New York and it was insane. There was paparazzi taking her picture standing literally behind the Steadicam operator. She was going through her divorce at the time so she had to look all happy all the time — they were dying to get pictures of her looking sad.

Q When people recognize you, is it for "Arrested Development" or one of your movies?

A I still get recognized all the time from "The Wedding Planner" and that was, like, five years ago, but it is on cable a lot. And when I get recognized for "Arrested Development" I'm like, whoever it is that recognizes me from that, I like. I think anyone who likes that show is smart and funny.

Q The show just got nominated for a bunch of Emmys, including best comedy, and it's coming back for a second season. Was that a surprise, considering that it's gotten critical praise but the ratings haven't been astronomical?

A As [co-star] Will Arnett points out, it has the highest TV rating, if there is such a thing. ... I guess I wasn't surprised it was coming back but a lot of people were. When I'm out and about and working, people talk about it all the time. I would have been shocked if it hadn't come back.

Q The humor is so dry and deadpan — how do you keep from cracking up during shooting?

A I haven't figured that one out yet, so maybe that's why I'm not a series regular. [Laughing.]

Q What else do you want to do that you haven't done?

A I'm a little burned out. I need a little vacation. I'm doing a pilot — we'll be shooting it in October — called "Nearly Nirvana." It's about a white girl who lives with her Indian boyfriend and we're graduating from medical school and I find out I'm pregnant and he realizes he doesn't want to go into medicine and his parents come and move in with us. It's sort of my attempt at a leading lady role.

Estefan ready for tour's end

Kicking off her final concert tour, Cuban-American singer Gloria Estefan said she can't wait to spend more time with her family when it's all over.

"Although I feel very energetic and I'm really in great shape, it's like boot camp, being on the road, singing live," Estefan said.

Her first stop in her "Live and Re-Wrapped" tour was in McAllen, Texas.

The tour concludes Sept. 25 in Miami, where the 46-year-old singer lives with her husband, producer Emilio Estefan.



Estefan

Paper angry at Moore

Filmmaker Michael Moore's Bush-basing documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" has apparently upset more than Republicans.

The Pentagraph newspaper in Bloomington, Ill., said Friday it sent a letter to Moore and the film's distributor, Lions Gate Entertainment Corp., asking for an apology for using what it said was a doctored front page.

A scene early in the movie shows newspaper headlines related to the contested 2000 presidential election. It includes a shot of The Pentagraph's Dec. 19, 2001, front page, with the prominent headline, "Latest Florida recount shows Gore won election."

The paper said the headline appeared in a Dec. 5, 2001, edition but was not used on the front page. Instead, it was used in much smaller type above a letter to the editor, which the paper says reflects "only the opinions of the letter writer."

Get a piece of the mob

The family of reputed mob boss Joseph Bonanno Sr. is selling clothing that once belonged to the deceased gangster.

Bonanno died in Tucson, Ariz., in May 2002 of natural causes at age 97. The family moved from New York City in 1968.

The assorted clothing, including designer ties, are being sold on eBay.



Art Garfunkel, left, and Paul Simon

Simon & Garfunkel farewell

With the Roman Colosseum as a backdrop, singers Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel performed a free concert Saturday before hundreds of thousands of fans to close out the European leg of their Old Friends tour.

Rome Mayor Walter Veltroni told the crowd that about 600,000 people had turned out for the performance.

The European tour started in Manchester, England, on July 14 and took the pair to 10 other cities before Rome.

Simon and Garfunkel's hits include "Sound of Silence" and "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

Stories and photos from wire services

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MOVIES

• SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6 AFN-P	*ESPNews	Pacific Report	8 Simple Rules Let's Keep Going! The girls go on a road trip.	The Bernie Mac Show Bernie comes back to the city.	Fear Factor (CC)		Las Vegas "Grounding Summer" Danny and Ed hurt for a sexual predator; students arrive with high-tech gadgets.		Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)		Late Show (CC)
7 AFN-AT	5:30 Guiding Light (CC) (G5)	General Hospital	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Between the Lions (R) (E) (E)	Teamo Supremo Hypnotic tricks.	Popular Mechanics for Kids	Strange Days- Bale Holey
8 NEWS	CNN Daybreak		The O'Reilly Factor (CC)		Good Morning America (CC)				Headline News	ABC World News This Morning (CC)	The Early Show (CC)	
9 SPORTS	*4:00 MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.		*SportsCenter		*Booting Tuesday Night Fights.				*SportsCenter		*Totally NASCAR NFL Live	
10 SPECT	The Amazing Race (CC)		Andromeda (CC)		Mail Call (CC)	Legends of An- power O'Hare	Secrets of War Battle of Britain' 20,000 men and women who fought a clandestine war.		*** 'Primal Fear' (1996, Suspense) Richard Gere, Laura Linney, John Mahoney. Directed by a serial killer accused of murder.			
14 TMC	(65) *** 'Deciever' (1998, Mystery) Chris Penn, Ellen Burstyn, Tim Roth. A brilliant student is questioned in a professor's murder. R (CC)		*** 'Pumpkin' (2002, Comedy-Drama) Brian. A sorority girl falls for a mentally ill boy. R (CC)		Great Ladies of the Canadian Rockies The Trail of the Great Bear Chateau Lake Louise (N) (CC)		1421: The Year China Discovered America Theory that Zheng He and his Ming fleet reached America first.		*** 'Time Lapse' (2001, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Dora Meyer, William McNamara. A federal agent is secretly given a chance at a memory-altering drug. R (CC)		*** 'Happenstance' (2000) Paul R. (CC)	
24 PBS	Clifford's Puppy Days The new puppy (CC) (G5)	Dragon Tales The new puppy (CC) (G5)	The Newshour With Jim Lehrer (CC)		Great Ladies of the Canadian Rockies The Trail of the Great Bear Chateau Lake Louise (N) (CC)		1421: The Year China Discovered America Theory that Zheng He and his Ming fleet reached America first.		*** 'Donnie Brasco' (1997, Drama) Al Pacino, Johnny Depp, Michael Madson. A mob lawyer unwittingly takes an FBI agent under his wing. R (CC)		Charlie Rose Jean-Louis Baffi (N) (CC)	
25 SHOW	(8:15) *** 'Grandview, U.S.A.' (1984, Drama) Jamie Lee Curtis, C. Thomas Howell, Pamela R.		*** 'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels' (1988, Comedy) Gene Hackman, Michael Caine, Gene Hackman. A British con man challenges an American to a contest. PG		American Justice 'Dinner to Kill' A mysterious hit-and-run murder case.		American Justice 'Murder & Mrs. B' A teacher is accused of recruiting teenagers.		City Confidential 'Mob Hits and Misses in Youngstown' Organized crime in Youngstown, Ohio (CC)		Crossing Jordan 'The Truth Is Out There' A visitor to the morgue tries to identify a corpse (CC)	
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30 CNN+	Larry King Live (CC)		CNN World News		*World Sport		Business International		Asia Tonight		Business International	
31 GOLF	*European PGA Golf Scandinavian Masters - Final Round, From Malmo, Sweden								*Golf Channel Academy		*Golf Channel Academy	
32 TLC	Clean Sweep Save the Last Receipt for a Man's Man		A Fix 'Comfortable Cat' Dining		For Better or for Worse 'Briana and Jason'		For Better or for Worse 'Lindsay and Jason'		Date Patrol 'Vince & Loren'		For Better or for Worse 'Briana and Jason'	
34 TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Courage the Cowardly Dog		Justice League		Powerpuff Girls		Cartoon Cartoon		Cartoon shorts.	
35 ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter Operation: Bush Rescue		The Planet's Funniest Animals		The Planet's Funniest Animals		Dog Show 'Eukanuba Tournament of Champions 2004'		Dogs from around the country compete in Hamburg, Pa.		Dog Show 'Eukanuba Tournament of Champions 2004'	
36 COM	Late Night Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Kevin Polak, Greg Kinnear		The Daily Show With David S. (CC)		Crossroads 'Fash- ion' Fashion (N) (CC)		Mad TV The Von Trapp Family		Insomniac High Kids in New York		South Park Butters receives a dark secret.	
40 NCA-	Chasing Time Exploring Amsterdam		One Hundred Dollars		Toyota World of Wildlife		Planet Wild		Wildlife Adventures 'Bear Wars'		Dinosaur Hunters Renowned paleontologists hunt for dinosaur fossils in Mongolia.	
42 SPIKE	Real TV (CC)	Real TV	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)		Star Trek: The Next Generation		'Devils Dare'		*** 'For Your Eyes Only' (1981, Adventure) Roger Moore, Candice Bouchet, Topol. 007 goes to Greece to recover a stolen defense device.		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (CC)	
43 FOX	Fame (CC)		Blind Date Yodel gun range (N) (CC)		Blind Date Lesson in how to be a teacher.		That '70s Show The kids get jobs.		The Simple Life Liz and Red kill the kids get jobs.		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (CC)	
44 BET	10P & Park: BET's Top 10 Live 'Top 10 Countdown'		The Best of The Weekends (N)		The Parkers (CC)		The Parkers (CC)		How I'm Living New music videos.		Clubs Comic Video	
46 COURT	NYPD Blue Sims and Spicard suspect a priest is responsible for the beat- ing of his wife.		Cops From Memphis, Tenn.; a drug bust.		Detective		Masterminds 'Art Fraud'		Forensic Files Sniper targets new suspect.		The System 'Dangerous Mind' A mentally ill woman kills her roommate.	
48 STR-WL	The Simpsons (CC)	Cheers (CC)	Star News Focus Asia		Just Shoot Me Asia		Charmed (CC)		NYPD Blue (CC)		Just Shoot Me (CC)	
50 LIFE	The Golden Girls Rose likes Charlie's old buddy.		The Golden Girls Rose likes Charlie's old buddy.		'Seduced and Betrayed' (1995, Suspense) Susan Lucci, David Charvet, Gabrielle Carteris. An angry widow plots revenge on the man who spurned her.		*** 'The Wednesday Woman' (2000, Suspense) Meredith Baxter, Peter Coyote, John Heard. An author lives out the events she created in her novel. (CC)		The Golden Girls A reunion talk for a promise.		The Golden Girls A reunion talk for a promise.	
51 ABC-AT	Full House Joey meets a woman from his past.		Full House Joey meets a woman from his past.		7th Heaven 'The Deadly D' Must fall for the daughter of a nazi and his wife who befriended the Camdens.		Modern Marvels 'Casino Technology'		Modern Marvels 'Runways'		Modern Marvels 'Runways'	
53 HIST	History's Lost & Found Cyde Barrow searches for Oliver Cromwell's head.		History's Lost & Found Cyde Barrow searches for Oliver Cromwell's head.		Modern Marvels 'Casino Technology'		Modern Marvels 'Runways'		Modern Marvels 'Runways'		Modern Marvels 'Runways'	
57 STR-W	(8:30) 'Air Bud: Seventh Inning Stretch'		(8:30) 'Air Bud: Seventh Inning Stretch'		(8:30) 'Air Bud: Seventh Inning Stretch'		(8:30) 'Air Bud: Seventh Inning Stretch'		(8:30) 'Air Bud: Seventh Inning Stretch'		(8:30) 'Air Bud: Seventh Inning Stretch'	
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59 MTV	Road Rules 'Extreme: Chile' (CC)		Road Rules 'Extreme: Chile' (CC)		Direct Effect		Hard Rock Live		Punk'd Evan Rachel Wood.		Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	
60 NICK	'Fluents/Sponge- Bob SquarePants'		'Juice/The Wild Thorntons'		'Juice/The Wild Thorntons'		'Juice/The Wild Thorntons'		'Juice/The Wild Thorntons'		'Juice/The Wild Thorntons'	

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6:30 700 NHK News (1)
7:00 Japan Pro Ball: Yakult Swallows vs. Yomiuri Giants (G)
7:30 State of Grace (2)
8:30 The Simpsons (42)
9:30 700 NHK News (1)
10:00 America's Top 40 (42)
10:30 Soccer: International Friendship Match: Jubilo Iwata vs. FC Barcelona (G)
11:30 Soccer: AFC Asian Cup in China 2004 - Semifinals Highlights (G)
2:45 U.S. Movie (1968): The Swimmer (14) (14)
3:15 World Folk Music (1) (V)

3:44 Buzz Lightyear of Star Command (6)

JAPAN TV (B57)

Morning
6:00 World News
6:30 700 NHK News
7:00 Japan Pro Ball: Yakult Swallows vs. Yomiuri Giants (G)
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What protection have we seen?

I have read that President Bush, by invading Iraq, has protected the United States and our freedoms.

How has he done that?

Iraq was already a defanged, toothless tiger. From Operation Desert Fox in 1998 to the start of the war in 2003, our air forces and those of the United Kingdom flew more than 40,000 sorties against Iraq, dropping tens of thousands of munitions. In more than four years, the Iraqi anti-aircraft crews did not shoot down one aircraft.

In March 2003, Bush decided that he had enough of U.N. inspections and we went to war against a country that was not involved in 9/11 and was not a threat to us. None of the 19 hijackers was Iraqi. The invasion was justified on the basis of weapons of mass destruction. Hardly a war in sight. We have not brought democracy to Iraq.

In Baghdad, we had enough troops to guard the oil ministry, but none for the museum. Some of our prison guards disgraced their uniforms and their country. On June 28, we installed — in a bunker — a puppet government. In the United States, governors have said that with so many Guard and Reserve personnel in Iraq, they don't have enough people to deploy if disasters occur in their states.

Now we read that Iran, not Iraq, may have been the 9/11 terrorists' help. We're bogged down in a bloody occupation, costing more than 900 American dead and well over \$100 billion so far, with the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel not in sight. We have received no appreciable help from either NATO or the United Nations. Most of the members of the U.N. think, but dare not say, "I told you so." U.S. presidents as a result of all this, is at an all-time low.

BY RADLEY BALKO

Federal officials have announced that Medicare is open to treating obesity as an illness. The decision means that many Americans — perhaps as many as 25 million — soon could petition the federal government for taxpayer-funded diet plans, nutritional programs, stomach-stapling surgery and even health club memberships.

The price tag for this new coverage could easily climb into the billions of dollars. Yet Congress didn't vote on the issue. Congress didn't even debate the issue.

If Medicaid follows Medicare's lead, those billions would at least double. And it's likely that the decision will have significant repercussions among private health insurers, too. We soon could find ourselves with a national health-care system in which those who stay fit are forced to subsidize those who don't — a perverse incentive if ever there was one.

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So, how have we been protected by this folly?

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No limits is a no-go

The writer of the July 26 letter "Gay marriages — get over it" would have us think that having a relationship with that one special person is permissible without any boundaries whatsoever about what that person is.

Do we then advance the agenda of North America Man/Boy Love Association, whose goal is to end extreme oppression of men and boys in mutually consensual relationships, who also support the rights of

young and adults to choose with whom they want to have sex and share their bodies with; who also want to end age consent laws?

How about we amend the Uniform Code of Military Justice to remove the article that pertains to indecent acts with a minor being a crime punishable by reduction in rank and confinement.

Michael Jackson is on trial for child molestation. Should we exonerate him from all charges? After all, in his mind he may have found that special person.

Finally, do we include birds, chickens, fish, snakes, cows and dogs in meaningful relationships?

Concerning separation of church and state, this phrase appears nowhere in the U.S. Constitution. Thomas Jefferson made the statement to the Danbury Baptist Association to assure them that the government would not establish a national denomination. The First Amendment gives the government out of the church's internal affairs but doesn't bar the Almighty from the government.

No one likes to stamp out the name of Confucius, Muhammad, Buddha, Hare Krishna, Allah or Bahai to name a few, but just mention the God of the Bible or his son, Jesus Christ, as anything other than a curse word and watch the wrath of man kindle.

President Bush was right to seek to define the boundaries of marriage. If you don't think God is serious about same-sex marriages, look into his word at the account of Sodom (short for sodomy) and Gomorrah. You'll find that he rained down fire and brimstone from heaven for their wickedness, and its historic location is now the Dead Sea, the lowest body of water on the face of the Earth.

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Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Anti-fat finding should be noted on

Despite this, Medicare's decision to cover obesity received no significant public debate. The Department of Health and Human Services simply issued a decree. That's probably because the public would never have supported it. According to a Time-ABC News poll, 87 percent of Americans said the primary responsibility for obesity lay with the person. In a recent Associated Press poll, 3 in 4 overweight Americans blamed themselves for their problems, 8 percent blamed their families.

For all intents and purposes, Medicare's proposal amounts to a new entitlement program....

It's unfortunate that a Republican administration has determined that what's on your dinner plate is now official government business.

But the intrusion isn't likely to stop there. Once taxpayers foot the bill for obesity treatment, the government can then make the claim (as it has this time) that we should take precautions to ensure that Americans never become obese in the first place.

It then becomes all the easier to enact taxes on fatty or sugary foods, restrictions on food advertising and on portion sizes at restaurants, and various other mandates on the fast-food, manufactured-food and grocery industries.... Like most new government programs, this is being sold to us as a "we should pay a little now so we don't need to pay a lot later" decision. And like most government programs, it will inevitably become a case of paying a little now and paying a lot later....

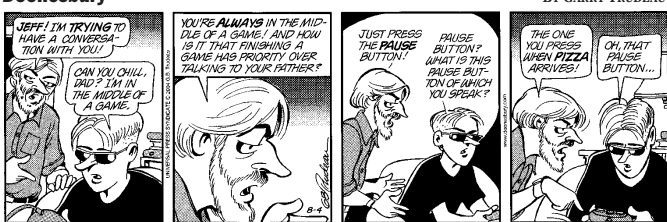
Fundamentally, obesity is a private matter. The only way to address this problem is to allow Americans to make their own decisions about their lives, but to also make clear that they themselves — not taxpayers — will bear the consequences of those decisions.

We should insist that Congress vote on Medicare funding for obesity treatments.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury



OPINION

Kerry's cherry-picking leaves profile lacking

Sen. John Edwards and his wife, Elizabeth, celebrated their first anniversary at a Wendy's restaurant because, in the days before junk science and glibbie juries made Edwards a multimillionaire, that was all they could afford.

Jack Kelly



So Friday, the day after the Democratic convention, the newly minted nominees stopped their bus tour at a Wendy's restaurant in Newburgh, N.Y., so that John Kerry and his wife, Teresa, could buy John and Elizabeth Edwards lunch on their 27th anniversary.

The Edwardses each ordered a hamburger and fries. Teresa had the chili, after first asking the gal behind the counter what it was. John Kerry ordered chili and a Frosty.

They didn't eat much of their meals, with good reason. Waiting for them back on the campaign bus were five-star lunches ordered the night before from Niko's restaurant at the Newburgh Yacht Club. (Wendy's menu doesn't include shrimp vando, grilled sea scallops, prosciutto and wrapped stuffed chicken.)

The deception was mild, as deceptions in politics go. But Kerry and Edwards were pretending to be something they were not, a continuation of the theme of the Democratic convention.

A survey taken in Boston indicated that nearly 90 percent of the delegates believe the war in Iraq was a mistake, or worse. But there wasn't a hint of this in the Democratic party's platform, or from the rostrum.

The survey indicated most delegates also support gay marriage and abortion on de-

mand, but these topics were banned in Boston.

What there was at the Democratic convention was an orgy of patriotic and traditional symbolism. American flags were everywhere. God was frequently invoked by a party that in the recent past has tried to banish him from the public square. Conventions are masquerade balls in which each party pretends it is like the other. (Journalist) Mort Kondracke has said, but Democrats this year carried this to a ludicrous extreme.

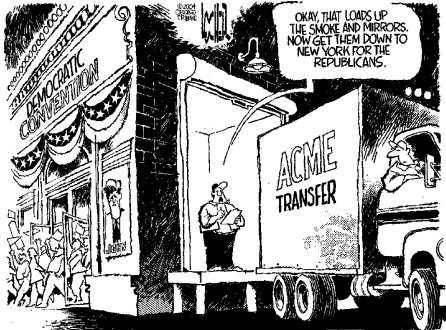
What the convention was mostly was a highly selective biography of the nominee. John Kerry is the Rip Van Winkle of candidates. Rip Van Winkle is the Washington Irving character who fell asleep in the Catskill Mountains for 20 years.

Kerry's snooze has been longer. He is asking Americans to vote for him for president on the basis of what he did for four months and 12 days in Vietnam in the winter and spring of 1968-69, and on the basis of what he has said since serving up the Democratic nomination in March. The 35 years in between have been dropped down the memory hole.

This is extraordinary. Every presidential campaign in history has emphasized some parts of his life story, and soft-pedaled others. But never before has a candidate for president asked us to dismiss as irrelevant his entire career in public life.

Kerry first became a public figure as a spokesman for Vietnam Veterans Against the War, in particular with his riveting — and false — testimony before a U.S. Senate committee in 1971 accusing his fellow Vietnam veterans of war crimes. Though he owes his career to them, Kerry's anti-war activities received rarely a mention at his coronation.

Kerry's anti-war activities do not detract from his heroism in the war he denounced,



but may be a better indicator of his actual views of his country and its national security policy than was his behavior in combat.

Kerry has served in the U.S. Senate for nearly 20 years, but he devoted just two sentences to it in his acceptance speech. There isn't much to say, since his record there is devoid of significant accomplishment. But it is still a startling omission.

But an understandable omission, given that Kerry is claiming he would do a better job of managing the war on terror than President Bush has.

Kerry has perhaps the most dovish record of any currently serving senator. He voted

against the first Gulf War, and against nearly every major weapon system that brought us victory in that war, and in Afghanistan and Iraq. In 1994, he tried to cut by \$5 billion over five years what nearly everyone now agrees were grossly inadequate intelligence budgets.

President Bush is running on his record, wars and all. John Kerry is running from his.

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Democrats' choice grasps issues incumbent doesn't

Forget the hoopla, the charming kids, the hamster story, the heart-warming tale about Mom.

The main question is not whether John Kerry is a nice guy. It's whether his policies are more suited for the country's security needs over the next four years. That's what people were trying to divine from the Democrats' convention in Boston.

Trudy Rubin



After watching "the speech," talking to Kerry foreign policy advisers and watching him deliver Iraq three times since the war — I'd say the answer is yes.

Here's why: The Bush anti-terror policy has lost its way. Yes, the president does what he says, but what he says and does has led us into a defensive position in the struggle against terrorism.

Our troops are bogged down in a guerrilla war against Iraq that hasn't weakened al-Qaida. Just the opposite. The terror group has found a new base in an unstable Iraq. Anti-Americanism in the Mideast has never been greater. Iraq instability and Bush's abandonment of efforts to promote Israel-Palestinian peace are a recruitment ad for al-Qaida.

A CEO would be ousted if he botched the biggest project of his tenure. Yet not one Bush official has been fired for failing to plan for Iraq's postwar problems.

What needs to be changed first is the attitude in the Oval Office.

"I will be an commander in chief who will never mislead us into war," Kerry said in his

acceptance speech. He has pledged to return ... "credibility" to the White House.

The Bush administration's hype on Iraq (expanding Saddam Hussein's real threat to the Mideast into a nuclear threat against the U.S. mainland) has made much of the world cynical about the anti-terrorist struggle. ...

If the United States is to rally other countries to this long-term goal — and convince their citizens — a more credible U.S. leader is required. The world's growing anti-Americanism, which hampers any global alliance against terrorism, is focused on the persona and policies of George W. Bush.

Kerry ... is overly optimistic about what [our] allies would contribute, especially in Europe. But he would have a far better chance than Bush of persuading our NATO allies to do more in Afghanistan, and take on

new missions outside Europe. Kerry advisers say he would push for needed reforms in NATO and the United Nations.

In fact, the Bush emphasis on unilateral use of force ... is reaching a dead end. The Bush doctrine of pre-emptive war ... has proven unsustainable.

With postwar Iraq in trouble and Afghanistan's future in question, the White House can't contemplate war in Iran or North Korea. Despite early saber rattling, the Bush administration has had to resume negotiations to try to curb these countries' nuclear weapons programs — with the help of European and Asian allies. In effect, Bush has come around to the Kerry school of thought.

Kerry's strongest argument is that, while force may indeed be necessary, equal emphasis has to be given to other means. ...

Kerry has very interesting proposals in an area to which the Bush team has paid far too little attention: securing nuclear material all around the world before it can fall into the hands of terrorists. He has also pledged to do what the Bush administration has not — pay more attention and put more funds into vital areas of homeland security. ...

It is hard to believe that — as the administration spends tens of billions in Iraq — it has left hundreds of U.S. chemical and nuclear plants unsecured. Who needs Saddam's supposed chemical weapons when one terrorist attack on a chemical plant could endanger untold numbers of Americans? This kind of anti-terrorism management needs to be changed.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Hiker rescued

CO ESTES PARK — A 4,000- to 5,000-pound rock fell on a hiker who was trying to climb it Saturday, but she suffered no broken bones in the mishap.

Judy Curtis, who had been hiking with a church group in Hell's Canyon, was freed by rescuers who used three air bags to lift the rock off her legs. Larimer County sheriff's officials said Curtis, who lives in Arvada, was alert and taking the whole time.

Greg Curtis, who did not see the accident, said his wife, 47, was in good condition at Saint Anthony's Central Hospital in Denver. He said she may have to undergo surgery.

"No broken legs, just real bad cuts," he said. "It's a miracle. The paramedic told me the only thing that saved her leg was a decomposed tree underneath her," which apparently kept the rock from crushing her leg.

Man escapes charges

VT BENNINGTON — The federal government will not prosecute the man who sent an envelope of crushed Vicodin from Arizona to mail earlier this month.

"Once we discovered what it was, it didn't meet the criteria for prosecution," said U.S. Postal Inspector Mark Cavic. He said that only a small quantity of the drug was found. Vicodin is a prescription narcotic painkiller.

Cavic is one of only two U.S. postal inspectors in Vermont, and works in Burlington. He said that both the Scottsdale, Ariz., man who sent the envelope and the Bennington woman he was sending it to have been contacted.

The Vicodin was discovered when it puffed out of an envelope after passing through a sorting machine. Police then closed the Bennington Post Office, evacuated the building, and had employees wait by the loading docks while the powder was analyzed and found to be safe.

Freight train derails

KY ASHLAND — About 20 cars of a freight train derailed in rural northeast Kentucky early Saturday, hitting a natural gas line and forcing about 45 people to evacuate, state police said.

No one was hurt when the CSX train cars left the tracks in Beatyville shortly after midnight, state police dispatcher Rebekah Wright said.

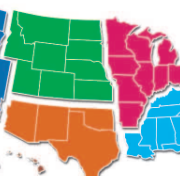
Residents were evacuated because officials smelled gas leaking. Trooper Chris Yavorcik said. The evacuation order lasted only two hours.

State police closed an interstate and bridge, but reopened both within four hours, Yavorcik said.

Unsporting publication

PA BELLE VERNON — Two men were charged with publishing a 10,000-circulation dog-fighting magazine that decreed "champions" in the illegal competitions, raising gambling stakes and stud fees, authorities said.

James Jay Frichione of New York state and John Kelly of Georgia



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

gia were charged in a grand jury investigation stemming from the 2002 arrests of six people on dog-fighting charges in Pennsylvania.

They were each charged with two counts of cruelty to animals and one count each of conspiracy to commit cruelty to animals. In Pennsylvania, cruelty includes promotion of animal fighting. The charges are felonies that carry penalties of up to \$15,000 and seven years in prison.

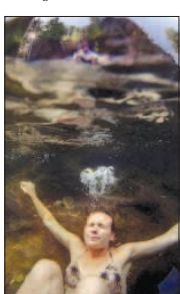
The magazine, Sporting Dog Journal, with subscribers around the world, was allegedly run by Kelly until he sold it to Frichione in 2001, authorities said.

Preserving JFK recording

RI DALLAS — Archivists are trying to preserve and copy what they say is the only sound recording from the moment of John F. Kennedy's assassination, captured by a Dallas police motorcycle radio.

The recording came from a police radio stuck in the "on" position, which relayed sounds of the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination to headquarters where they were etched onto dictation belts. But the recording is too fragile to be played again and has never been authentically copied.

For years researchers have studied inferior copies. Some say the recording shows three shots were fired at Kennedy's motorcade, concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone. But others say it shows four shots were fired and conclude Oswald was aided by a second gunman.



Ah, so soothing

The cool waters of Fall Creek, east of Lowell, Ore., prove the perfect refuge from the heat for the Scriber of Eugene, Ore.

Baby neglected

MA SOUTHAMPTON — A state investigation into the abandonment of a newborn girl left critically ill outside a town fire station determined the infant's parents both acted negligently.

No charges have been filed yet against the 17-year-old mother, who was identified by police a few days after the baby was discovered by a passer-by or the unidentified father.

Any charges that result would be filed once prosecutors and city police complete additional reviews.

The infant, named "Baby Angelique" by state workers, was in good health and living with a foster family. The baby will be placed with a member of the mother's family when the relative can clear up a scheduling conflict that does not allow daytime supervision of the baby, Monteiro said.

Breast-feeding popular

HI HONOLULU — Hawaii is one of the only states where women of all racial populations surpass a target of having 75 percent of mothers breast-feed their newborns, according to the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System of the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

It found 91 percent of Caucasian mothers, 89.6 percent of Asian-Pacific moms and 79.8 percent of black mothers in Hawaii start breast-feeding.

State Deputy Health Director Linda Rosen said the number are impressive, but they represent only mothers who initiated breast-feeding. "Recent studies have shown that the number of moms that have continued to breast-feed their babies drops to an average of 53.4 percent after three months," Rosen said.

Don't pop her bubble

VA ROANOKE — Arielle Rossmore didn't walk away with the winner's \$10,000 savings bond after a bubble-blowing contest on NBC's "Weekend Update" show on Saturday, but the 12-year-old from Roanoke felt like a winner just the same.

After all, she got to ride around New York City in a limousine, meet talk-show hosts, see a Broadway show and run wild through a candy store to the tune of \$154.

Arielle blew a 15-inch bubble in her contest against other blowers, and said she had butterflies when she was given a minute, 45 seconds to blow her best bubble.

"I just tried not to blow very fast because it would pop more easily," she said of the outdoor contest in windy conditions.

The winner blew a bubble that measured 18 inches.

Safety department cuts

RI PROVIDENCE — Budget pressures are forcing the city police and fire departments to each pare 25 positions by not filling vacancies. The cuts are among 115 jobs eliminated from the city work force in the new budget approved by the City Council. The chiefs in both departments said they'll maintain minimum-staffing levels by relying more on overtime.



Derby winner

Ricki Lea Murphy, 12, of Mantua, Ohio, won a heat and went on to win the Super Stock division in the All-American Soap Box Derby at Derby Downs in Akron, Ohio.



Triple the fun

Laura Masuda, of Edina, Minn., ties together the legs of her 4-year-old triplets, from left, Hannah, Grace and Tyler, for a four-legged race, one of the events at the annual Triplet Connection Convention in St. Louis.



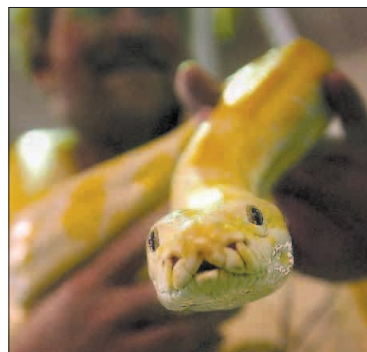
Fall guy

Chad Kiel of Pierre, S.D., flies off his horse in the bareback event at the evening performance of the Days of '76 Rodeo in Deadwood, S.D.



Swept away

The Breybart sisters — Danielle, 6, right, Amanda, 8, center, and Kim, 12 — play in the surf in front of a lifeguard tower at Jones Beach in Wantagh, N.Y.



Look into my eyes

An albino Burmese python looks at the camera during the Lowcountry Reptile and Amphibian Expo in Ladson, S.C.



Pick of the crop

Jorge Patino Jr., 10, reaches for a handful of Lambert cherries while picking the fruit with his family at Bowman Orchards in Yellow Bay, Mont. This year's crop is expected to be bigger than last year's.



Rider on the wool

Vaughn Sparkman, 5, of Clute, Texas, hangs tight during his buzzin' mutton bustin' competition ride at Clute's Great Texas Mosquito Festival.

Plane crash kills four

AK ANCHORAGE — Four people heading to a fishing excursion died when their plane crashed near the mouth of an Alaska river, authorities said Saturday.

A Montana family was on board a Cessna 170 that crashed about 6:15 p.m. Friday near the Kustatan River on the west side of Cook Inlet, about 70 miles southwest of Anchorage.

The Cessna was about a half-mile from a landing strip near the river when it stalled, then went down on dry tundra, Alaska State Troopers said.

Troopers identified the dead as Broadview, Mont., residents Joleen Joy Dyess, 38; her husband, William Christopher Dyess, 29; and her daughter Taryn Marie Pitsch, 17. Also killed was the pilot, Christopher Copple, 43, of Kenai.

Vulture protection

MA GARDNER — National Grid U.S.A., the power grid company that owns Massachusetts Electric Co., is spending \$4.4 million to tackle what the company believes may be the cause of unexplained power outages in the state's electrical grid: turkey vultures.

The company is spending the money to put up spikes and other obstacles on its power lines and electric towers to keep away the famously ugly birds, which have tiny featherless red heads and a wingspan of five feet or more.

Turkey vultures can briefly interrupt electricity when they relieve themselves on the lines or when their wings touch two different electrical lines as they take off.

Veterans get cemetery

ID BOISE — Veterans, top military brass and politicians consecrated 77 acres of uplands north of Boise on Saturday, erasing Idaho's distinction as the only state without an official veterans cemetery.

More than 2,500 people stood silently as four A-10 aircraft soared in a missing-man formation and a replica Civil War cannon boomed from a nearby ridge top.

When it begins accepting remains in October, the cemetery will have room for up to 4,400 graves and 4,280 urns, plus an area to scatter ashes. It eventually will be able to accommodate 25,000 remains.

Height limits unfair

FL SARASOTA — The U.S. Department of Justice has warned Sarasota County officials that they may have acted unfairly against a Muslim group by limiting the height of their proposed mosque.

The County Commission ruled in February that the mosque could be no taller than 40 feet, a restriction not placed on 14 other houses of worship approved by the county since 2002.

The Islamic Society of Sarasota and Bradenton, which for 10 years has met in a private home, has a growing congregation and wants to build a 13,500-square-foot mosque it says is based on Islamic traditions that include two 80-foot-high

minarets.

Islamic Society members say they had not complained to the federal government, but are celebrating the Justice Department's involvement.

Wrong landing place

TX LA MARQUE — Engine failure forced the pilot of a small plane to make an emergency landing on Interstate 45 just outside La Marque on Saturday.

James Robert Shawn, 43, of Pattison was flying from Galveston to Katy when his single-engine Piper Cherokee airplane started having engine trouble.

The engine went dead, and Shawn was able to glide the plane onto the southbound lanes of the interstate about noon, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger. He then taxied off I-45 and onto the frontage road.

No one was injured.

Shawn was traveling with his 38-year-old brother Michael Shawn and his 2-year-old nephew, Socrates Shawn.

The Federal Aviation Administration was investigating.

Raising the ante

RI PROVIDENCE — Casino supporters and opponents promise to spend millions of dollars making their cases to voters.

State lawmakers overrode Gov. Don Carcieri's veto of a bill allowing voters in November to decide if a casino should be built in West Warwick by Harrah's Entertainment.

Harrah's plans an "aggressive educational campaign," costing at least \$2 million and including new radio and television commercials, according to Jan Jones, a Harrah's senior vice president.

On the opposite side of the issue is Lincoln Park, which claims its video-slot business will decline if a casino is built. Park operators could spend "easily up to \$3 million" on their own advertising campaign, spokesman Michael Trainor told The Providence Sunday Journal.

Voters "are going to be bombarded with messages," said Darrell West, a Brown University political science professor.

Cops' charges dropped

MI DETROIT — A federal judge dropped charges against the remaining seven police officers in a corruption case that once involved 19 present and former officers. Only three of the 19 were found guilty.

On May 20, a federal court jury acquitted eight Detroit police officers of charges that they conspired to violate suspects' civil rights by lying, falsifying reports and planting evidence.

Earlier, three officers pleaded guilty to reduced charges, and charges were dismissed against a fourth.

As a result of the May acquittals, the U.S. attorney's office earlier this month asked U.S. District Judge Averil Cohn to dismiss the charges against the seven remaining defendants. Cohn did so but praised the federal government's efforts.

Photos and stories from wire services

Horoscope

The Leo sun and Aries moon are a boost to the body and a shot of wheat grass to the mind. You could finally hop out of bed ready for that early morning jog or scan the newspaper and retain the information long enough to have a clever, topical cup to toss in at the board meeting. Why can't every day be this super-charged?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(August 4). You'll kick off this new cycle with an energetic adventure. You're driven to get to the top of the proverbial mountain, and friends beside you provide the oxygen tanks when you're so high the air is thin. You'll be making more money in September, and it's easy to get carried away. Be frugal instead, and you'll be in a prime position at the first of the year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your expectations of love are high, but no worries—they'll be met. Keeping your standards of treatment up is easy, and you attract people who respect themselves enough to give you the respect you deserve, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

The morning stars up all kinds of nostalgia and other such emotions. Imaginary things seem real, so just remind yourself every once in a while that life can be very much like a dream. You're in control of what you feel.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Even the most steadfast people are changing their minds based on factors that cannot be proven. Your inner voice is shouting instead of whispering. You may as well go along with it, since it's not doing away until you do.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Autonomy is the theme. People close to you who love to control everyone around them will zap your resources. Your energy returns when you are left alone to do it your way in your own time. Loving relationships are highlighted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

High spirits and go-getter energy carry you forward. When you keep person-

al commitments, others realize you have a life and can't be expected to jump when given the command. Romance charges your imagination.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

There is a lot of touchy stuff going on in the world, and escaping to the fantasy of entertainment will be appealing. After work, you may feel like turning home, looking the door, watching videos and eating popcorn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're extremely obliging, handling everything you should, but somehow, it doesn't give you that warm and satisfying sense of contribution. At some point, you've got to stop and wonder, "Whose idea was this anyway?"

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A change in emotions or a change in health is featured. You're the architect of this change, so there's no need to feel like life is happening to you. You're masterful at controlling your destiny through your choices.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Surprising events wake you up like a bucket of water to the face—wow! Why didn't you ever notice this before? Perhaps you've been sleep-walking. Now that you're aware, new options open.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

This day holds magic, beauty and wisdom—if you're perceptive enough, that is. Go at a slower pace, and you'll experience more. Be careful with money. What you buy this afternoon could affect your finances in the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Discoveries are featured, both in your outside and inner world—it's a kick to find hidden treasures of one sort or another. At first, you may want to keep your findings to yourself, as it makes the lesson more richly meaningful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Your need for nurturing and love is a constant, but you're learning that it can be fulfilled in many different ways. Ultimately, it's you who will give this to yourself.

Keep exploring. Write down your revelations and goals.

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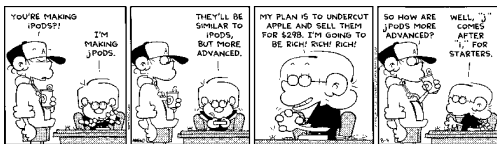
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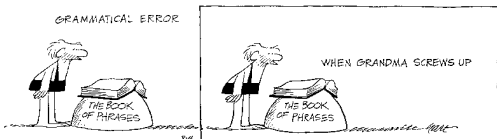
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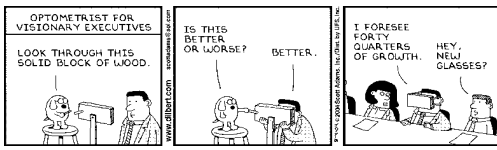
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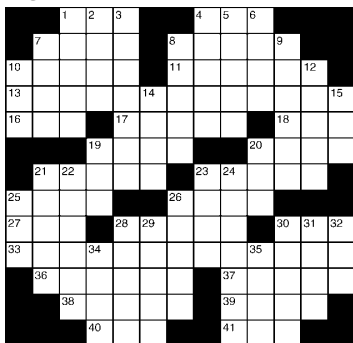
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- 11 Put on a pedestal
- 13 Eastern capital
- 16 Favorite
- 17 Makes a statement
- 18 Shooter ammo
- 19 Wharf
- 20 Highland household
- 21 Roman septet
- 23 Wasn't colorfast
- 25 Gist of a letter
- 26 Lights-out melody
- 27 "Little Women" woman
- 28 Split up
- 30 Legendary peeper
- 33 Western capital
- 36 Heavy hammer
- 37 "Love Story" author Segal
- 38 More crafty
- 39 Trif function
- 40 Bygone speedster

Down

- 1 Uncertainty
- 2 Gymnast Korbut acronym
- 3 Pedicurist's concern
- 4 Quilt stuffing
- 5 Groucho wiggled his
- 6 Put under
- 7 Ashen Williams
- 8 Less loony
- 9 Streisand classic
- 10 Diastema
- 12 Phobia
- 14 Designer St. Laurent
- 15 Nebr. neighbor
- 19 Thickness
- 20 Sam Goody wares
- 21 Great Lakes
- 22 Pastoral poetry
- 23 Gambling game
- 24 Suitability
- 25 Scrooge's reaction
- 26 Circus staffer
- 28 Griffith and Williams
- 29 Actress Debra
- 30 Contaminate
- 31 Never again?
- 32 Jonge precursor
- 34 Lampreys
- 35 Small combo

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals T

Pal just can't leave politics alone

Dear Abby: A woman I have known for 10 years has different political beliefs from mine. I haven't viewed her as a vision to end the friendship. I just don't bring up the subject of politics with her. She, on the other hand, constantly "slams" my beliefs, in person and via e-mail.

I have recently received several offensive letters from her. I didn't respond and she keeps prodding me for a reaction. Believe me, she doesn't want to hear what I have to say about her behavior. I have asked her to stop pushing her opinions on me and still she persists.

I feel that her antics are extremely disrespectful, and I'm to the point of ending communication with her altogether. What have you to say on this issue?

—Harassed in Houston

Dear Harassed: Tell her that the subject of politics is "ver-

boten" until after the election. There's a reason for that old warning. "Don't discuss sex, religion or politics." It can end friendships. She's not going to change your views, and you aren't going to change hers. Although she may be doing this to get a rise out of you, it's disrespectful and a touch malicious.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: I have several good friends. Whenever a friend starts to become "clingy," I start to withdraw and even try to avoid them.

By "clingy," I mean they phone one or more times a day. Sometimes

it's people who expect me to go with them all the time, or "always" sit by them at gatherings or events. Not all my friends act this way, and I have great relationships with those few who don't.

How can I convey to the others

that I like my space and feel intruded upon when they become clingy? I try to laugh it off, but it wears on my nerves, and then I feel guilty for feeling the way I do.

—Feeling Bad in Texas

Dear Feeling Bad: When people call too frequently, draw the line by telling them you are too busy to talk and will call them when it's convenient. When you feel encroached upon, explain to those who expect you to accompany them "all the time," that you have other plans.

Not all relationships need the same amount of care and feeding. The people with whom you interact need to learn to respect your boundaries. But in order for that to happen, you must level with your friends about your feelings and not beat yourself up for doing so.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69404, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer: A "□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's

Jumbles: CHANT FIFTY PRAYER BEACON

Answer: Where the tree trimmer applied for the bank loan — THE "BRANCH" OFFICE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Amold and Mike Argiron



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Considering finding her father

Dear Annie: I'm a 13-year-old girl who needs your advice. I have never known my biological father, but my stepfather has been there for me ever since I was born. I consider him my father and call him "Dad," even though my parents are now divorced.

Dad occasionally picks us up from Mom's to go out. Lately, however, he's been coming by just to get my younger brother. I understand.

That's his real son. But it bothers my mom a lot, and she recently asked me if I would like to find my biological father. I love my dad so much, but I would like to find my real father. However, if I try to locate him, I'm afraid it would hurt Dad's feelings.

Dear Searching: You sound very mature for your age, but we sense it also bothers you that Dad comes by "just to get your younger brother." The next time he does this, you ought to tell him how you feel. He needs to know.

Annie's Mailbox



Meanwhile, it's OK to search for your biological father. Don't worry about hurting Dad's feelings. He'll be OK with it. But be cautious. You may have fantasies about your biological father that are unrealistic. Try not to expect too much.

Dear Annie: Millions of children are heading back to school this fall without health insurance coverage. Uninsured children are more likely to go without eye exams and important annual checkups and are less likely to receive care for common childhood illnesses. If something were to seriously affect their health, the medical costs could quickly plunge their families into bankruptcy.

Covering Kids & Families is a national program sponsored by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that connects these children with low-cost and free health insurance. These programs are available in every

state and the District of Columbia. Even though more than 8.5 million children in the United States are currently uninsured, most of them could actually be covered at little or no cost to their parents through the government-funded State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) or Medicaid.

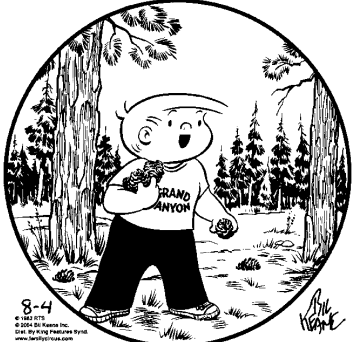
Parents can call 1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669) toll-free (coveringkidsandfamilies.org) to find out if their children qualify.

Together I know we can help millions of uninsured children.

—Sarah Shuptrine, Director, Covering Kids & Families, Columbia, S.C.

Dear Sarah Shuptrine: We are happy once again to mention Covering Kids & Families. Readers, if your children do not have health care coverage, please call today to find out if you are eligible.

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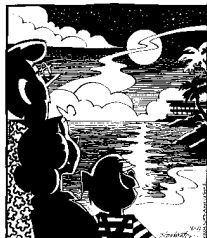
"It smells like Christmas here."

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SOME PEOPLE HAVE ANICE, YOUTHFUL WAY OF GROWING OLD

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Dennis the Menace



"WOW! THE MOON HERE IS PRETTIER THAN THE ONE BACK HOME!"

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The Far Side



"Oh, for heaven's sake! Your father left in such a hurry this morning he's lost another antenna."

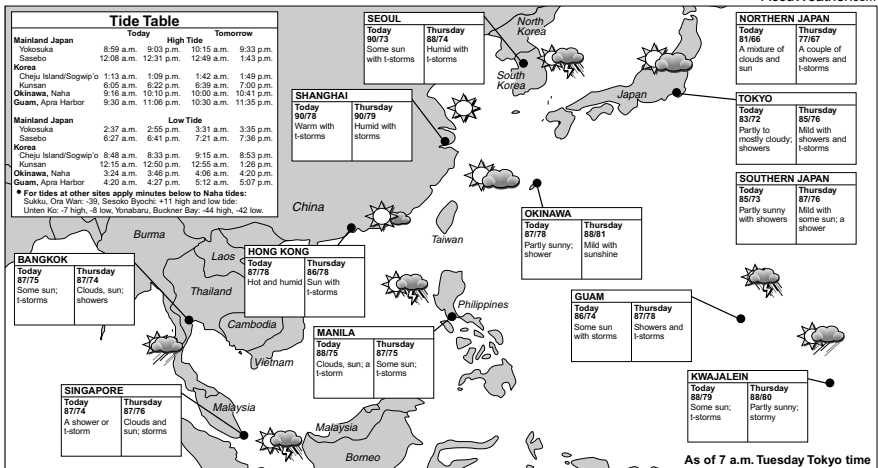
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"BANNING, HUNT IT? OVER A MILLION YEARS OLD, BUT LONG LIKE IT COULD BEEN DRINKIN' YESTERDAY..."

The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 75.
Saturday: Thunderstorms, high 85, low 74.

KADENA

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 91, low 82.
Saturday: Partly sunny, high 92, low 82.

SEUL

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 91, low 76.
Saturday: Partly sunny, high 91, low 76.

MANILA

Friday: Thunderstorms, high 88, low 75.
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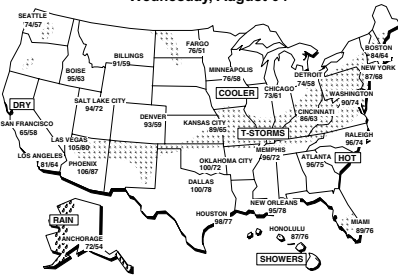
HAGATNA

Friday: Thunderstorms, high 89, low 79.
Saturday: Thunderstorms, high 89, low 79.

Monday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	90/70	Los Angeles	80/64
Amarillo	97/70	Little Rock	96/72
Anchorage	74/54	Louisville	92/72
Asheville	82/63	Miami	91/74
Baltimore	86/71	Milwaukee	89/70
Birmingham	92/70	Nashville	91/69
Bismark	87/61	New York	87/74
Boise	96/65	Omaha	95/74
Boston	83/68	Orlando	89/76
Brownsville	98/80	Philadelphia	89/73
Buffalo	86/67	Phoenix	104/65
Burlington	86/65	Pittsburgh	86/67
Charleston, SC	90/74	Portland, OR	80/61
Charlotte	89/70	Portland, ME	84/62
Cleveland	87/68	Salt Lake City	92/69
Columbus, OH	89/69	St. Louis	92/77
Duluth	80/57	San Antonio	96/77
El Paso	98/72	San Diego	73/65
Hartford	88/65	San Juan	90/77
Helena	92/59	Tampa	94/77
Indianapolis	91/71	Tulsa	102/76
Jacksonville	92/74	Washington	88/73
Kansas City	95/76	Wichita	101/76

Wednesday, August 04



U.S. Extended Forecast

A frontal boundary from Kansas to New Jersey on Wednesday will allow for a few showers and thunderstorms along the front at times, especially from Kansas to Ohio. Deep tropical moisture across Florida will set the stage for showers and thunderstorms. A strong ridge of high pressure across New Mexico will allow the heat to continue across the southern Plains and Texas. A cold front will push through the Pacific Northwest. An upper-level disturbance will bring thunderstorms to the Dakotas. On Thursday, the frontal boundary in the eastern half of the country will sag south and stretches from western Nebraska to North Carolina. Showers and thunderstorms will occur.

Wednesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	87/75	Iwakuni	85/73
Beijing	87/73	Kadena AB	87/78
Camp Casey	89/74	Kunsan AB	85/71
Christchurch	51/32	Kwajalein	88/79
Diego Garcia	82/74	Manila	88/75
Hagatna	86/74	Masawa AB	85/69
Hanoi	90/75	Osan	88/74
Hong Kong	87/78	Perth	62/46
Honolulu	87/76	Pusan	84/74
		Sasebo NB	86/75
		Sapporo	81/66
		Seoul	90/73
		Shanghai	90/78
		Singapore	87/74
		Sydney	58/38
		Tseng	86/74
		Taipei	91/74
		Tokyo	83/72

Wednesday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	92/77	Budapest	86/63
Athens	89/71	Buenos Aires	63/48
Auckland	54/47	Cairo	99/38
Baghdad	100/73	Caracas	87/73
Barbados	85/71	Cape Town	59/33
Barcelona	76/58	Geneva	76/58
Berlin	85/66	Istanbul	82/66
Bermuda	89/75	Jerusalem	86/66
Brussels	79/60	Johannesburg	71/48
		Kabul	98/68
		Kiev	70/53
		Kuwait	115/81
		London	74/58
		Madrid	83/61
		Mexico City	76/56
		Montreal	75/59
		Mogadishu	62/70
		Moscow	77/56
		Nairobi	75/50
		New Delhi	98/79
		Oslo	74/56
		Paris	76/55
		Rio de Janeiro	72/60
		Rome	88/65
		St. Petersburg	79/61
		Stockholm	77/62
		Warsaw	75/58



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Boston tournament tries to tweak course

The Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Organizers of the Deutsche Bank Championship tweaked the fairways, re-shaped the greens and fixed dozens of other glitches that players complained about in the inaugural tournament last year.

The goal is to make for better competition — Adam Scott won it by four strokes last year at 20-under — and also to keep players happy so they want to come back for a third time in 2005. The sponsors have committed to the tournament for four years, but to the new TPC of Boston course for just two.

Tournament officials would not comment Monday on whether it will be back next year, saving an announcement for tournament week.

But financial success is probably assured because Tiger Woods and Vijay Singh will be there, along with Scott.

Scott shot a course-record 62 in the third round last year to run away with his first PGA Tour victory.

"I'd really like to get back there and put up a good defense of my title," he said Monday.

The Sept. 3-6 tournament, with the final round on Labor Day, is the only one on the schedule with a planned Monday finish. Players seemed to like the schedule last year but some complained about the TPC of Boston course, which opened in June 2002.

TPC of Boston general manager Jim O'Mara tried to fix problems players mentioned. Working with the PGA Tour's course design

group, the club eliminated some of the severely sloping greens that were the most frequent complaint — completely renovating two-thirds of the 18 greens.

Starting work in November, they had just over a month before a major snowstorm put a stop to the project for the winter. When spring came, they were back at it again.

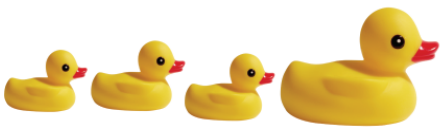
Some greens were stripped of their sod and shaved down to flatten the contours, and expanded to allow for another pin placement or two. Fairways were narrowed — by a few yards or as much as 25 — but some of the doglegs were straightened out slightly.

"We think we've created a fairer golf course, a better golf course, that will test the skills of all the players in a better way," O'Mara said.



Peter Jacobsen watches his shot off the 16th tee in the final round of the U.S. Senior Open on Sunday at the Bellevere country club in St. Louis. Jacobsen won the tournament with a final score of 12-under-par.

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Sore hip doesn't hinder Jacobsen

BY JIM SALTER

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Peter Jacobsen's sore hip nearly kept him out of the U.S. Senior Open. Nothing, not even playing 36 holes in one day, could keep him from winning the title.

Jacobsen shot a 3-under 68 over the final 18 holes Sunday and was 12 under for the tournament to finish one stroke ahead of Hale Irwin. Jacobsen was able to rally past Tom Kite, who played 4 over for the last four holes — including a double bogey on the final one.

Jacobsen was forced to pull out of two previous tournaments, following hip surgery, because the pain of walking 18 holes was too much to bear. He had to walk 36 on Sunday after rain washed out play Friday.

"I almost didn't come," said Jacobsen, who played his third Champions Tour event. "I came to St. Louis. Boy, am I glad I did."

It was the first time the field for a Champions Tour event played 36 holes in one day. Unlike regular senior tour events, carts aren't allowed in the five majors.

Kite fell apart at the end, closing with bogey-bogey-par-double bogey. With daughter Stephanie as his caddy, Kite shot a morning round of 6-under 65 that gave him a two-stroke lead. He ended up two strokes behind Jacobsen.

"Coming down the last few holes of a 36-hole round, you can feel the fatigue," Jacobsen said. "It's no fun to do that when you have a chance to win any championship."

Kite didn't speak to reporters after his second straight disappointing defeat. Last weekend, he lost the Senior British Open to Delaware club pro Pete Oakes by one stroke. He hasn't won in 21 months, but has finished second seven times. Kite ended up tied with Jay Haas. Bob Gilder was fifth, another stroke back at 9 under.

Jacobsen, last year's winner of the PGA Tour's Greater Hartford Open, rallied from three strokes down with 12 holes to play. It was the first major victory of any kind for Jacobsen, known for his jovial attitude and rapport with fans.

"This is fun and games," Jacobsen said. "I'm 50. I'm a sweaty fat guy and I'm playing golf."

Kite, playing in the group ahead of Jacobsen, landed his drive on 18 in a fairway bunker. His attempt to get out hit the left and bounced sideways a few feet away, and into the rough.

Moments after Kite's double bogey, Jacobsen earned his first victory on the Champions Tour with a par on 18.

Irwin and Haas, both with ties to St. Louis, thrilled the home-town crowd with late rallies. Irwin, who has a home just a few miles from Bellevere Country Club, birdied No. 17 to get to 11 under, but could only par 18. Haas, who grew up in nearby Belleville, Ill., birdied No. 17 to get to 10 under.

Jacobsen was under par for all four rounds, and was at his best Sunday despite the strain on his hip. He followed a 2-under 69 in the morning with a 3-under 68 in the afternoon.

Kite was 8 under during one 17-hole stretch. He was at 4 under during the afternoon round before struggling at the end.

Golfers worked at a slow pace while playing in breezless 92-degree heat and high humidity. Some, with sweat-soaked shirts, sat on the grass during delays. Mark James took a large chunk of ice and rubbed it on his head.

Kite ended Sunday at 5 under, two strokes behind co-leaders Jacobsen and Craig Stadler. He went two ahead of Jacobsen after the morning round, but the lead didn't last long. Kite bogeyed the first hole of the afternoon round, and Jacobsen birdied.

Jacobsen also birdied No. 2 to go back on top.

No. 3 pick Fitzgerald signs with Cardinals

The Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, the third overall pick in Arizona's NFL Draft, agreed to a six-year contract worth up to \$60 million with the Arizona Cardinals on Monday.

About \$20 million is guaranteed money, said a source close to the negotiations, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Fitzgerald missed Monday morning's practice in pads, but was expected for the afternoon half of the first two days of training camp.

The agreement came four days after quarterback Eli Manning and offensive lineman Robert Gallery, the only players drafted ahead of Fitzgerald in April, signed with their teams. Manning also received a \$20 million signing bonus from the New York Giants.

Fitzgerald, a former ball boy for the Minnesota Vikings, was the only cardinals Dennis Green was coaching the Vikings, left the University of Pittsburgh after his sophomore year. In 26 college games, he finished third in Pitt history in catches (161) and fourth in yards received (2,677).

The 6-foot-2, 223-pound wide-out, considered one of the most promising and gifted receivers to come out of college in years, was Green's choice for the first round selection from the time Green agreed in January to coach the Cardinals.

The Cardinals were criticized for passing up the quarterbacks available, but Green never wavered.

Cardinals release starting center Kendall

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals released center Kendall on Monday, less than three weeks after new coach Dennis Green installed the eight-year veteran as a starter.

Kendall, who signed with Arizona as an unrestricted free agent in 2001, had started 23 games as left guard his first two years with the Cardinals and 13 at center last season. After separating a shoulder Dec. 7 at San Francisco, Kendall got in on just one play in the final three contests.

Green sidestepped questions about why Kendall was dropped and whether the move was related to player complaints about the intensity of summer workouts.

The NFL made the Cardinals forfeit their final week of workouts last month after a group of players complained to the union that the team had violated league rules by working the players too hard.

Green, hired to rebuild a 4-12 team after coach Dave McGinnis was fired, said he wasn't going after whiteblowers.

"From the very first day, I've said the team has to be as well as they could play, and that's the team," Green said. "Along that way, no one should be surprised at anything."



Green was critical of Arizona's offensive line after watching last season's game film.

He already demoted tackle L.J. Shelton from the first unit.

CB Carroll signs with Packers

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers signed their first-round draft pick, cornerback Ahmad Carroll, on Monday just before veterans reported for the official start of training camp.

Carroll, the 25th overall selection from Arkansas, will compete for a starting job.

Mike McKenzie, the starter on the left side for the past five seasons, is holding out and is seeking a trade. McKenzie, who has three years left on his contract, is subject to his daily fines of \$5,000 during his absence.

Lions sign top pick Williams

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Receiver Roy Williams arrived in Lions camp Sunday after agreeing to a five-year deal with Detroit.

Williams, the seventh overall pick of Texas, was the only player who did not report when the team began training camp Friday. He did not take part in practice Sunday but will be in uniform on Monday.

Sunday was the first time the Lions practiced in full pads since last season. Rookie running back Kevin Jones took some of the hardest hits of the day, but wasn't backing down. He knocked over cornerback Dre Bly at the end of one play. He said being a marked man is somewhat of a confidence booster.

"It feels good to know guys are gunning for you," he said.

Bliester will sideline Vick a day

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick won't practice Monday because of a blister on his throwing hand.

Vick practiced twice Sunday, but following a two-hour workout in the evening, Falcons coach Jim Mora said the quarterback needs to give a blister on his left thumb time to heal.

Broncos' Bell has surgery on broken finger

DENVER — Denver Broncos running back Tatum Bell had surgery Sunday, a day after breaking his finger in his first day of training camp.

Two pins were inserted into his right middle finger to stabilize the fracture. Broncos spokesman Jim Saccomano said. Bell's hand will be immobilized for a few days before he begins rehabilitation.

Saccomano said it was too early to know how much time Bell would miss.

"Saying anything dramatic will be premature. We just have to wait a few days," Saccomano said.



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

Coach Kip Hogan of Marine Corps Base Camp Butler wears a cap bearing the initials JB on the side. Those are for Jamie Newberry, who coached the team the past couple of years and who died July 25.

Memory of late coach motivates Base for Marine Forces softball

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Stripes

CAMP POSTER, Okinawa — Marine Corps Base Camp Butler players are competing in this week's Marine Forces Pacific Regional Softball Tournament with heavy hearts.

Monday's 10-8 tournament-opening loss to Marine Corps Base Hawaii was their first game since head coach Jamie Newberry died on July 25.

"We've made a pact as a team to do this for him," said Kip Hogan, who took over head-coaching duties at his teammates' request. "I'm coaching the team, but you can't replace Jamie. Stepping into a pair of shoes like his, it's hard."

"He taught me to leave everything on the field. His fundamentals of coaching, how to split runners, hit behind the runners, know how to play your opponents, knowing the abilities of your players and pushing them to the limit," Hogan said.

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2004 Marine Forces Pacific Regional Softball Tournament

At Camp Poster, Okinawa

Round-robin standings

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3rd Force, Okinawa... 2 0 1,000 -

Marine Corps Base Hawaii... 1 1 500 -

3rd Marine Division, Okinawa... 1 1 500 -

Camp S.B. Butler, Okinawa... 1 1 500 -

Aircraft Wing, Okinawa... 1 1 500 -

Marine Air Station, Okinawa... 1 1 500 -

Hospital Camp Lester, Okinawa... 0 2 000 2

Monday's scores

Hawaii 10, Base 8

Division 5, Hospital 0

Base Force 12, Wing 11

Base 6, Division 2

Wing 21, Hospital 2

Hawaii 13, Hawaii 11

Newberry, a retired Marine Corps master gunnery sergeant, coached Camp Butler's team for two years. He was 47. The cause of death is being investigated.

His death came as a shock to teammates, opponents and Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit officials alike, they said.

"He was a nice, easy-going guy, cool, calm, collected," said Sonny Jones of MCCS Petri Athletics, which oversees the Marine Forces Pacific sports program.

10-9 but ran out of gas in the second final, losing 9-8 to Area III of Camp Humphreys.

8th Army names teams for Army Ten-Miler

YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea — 8th U.S. Army sports director Tom Higgins on Monday released the list of runners tentatively slated to represent the command in the Army Ten-Miler Oct. 24 in Washington, D.C.

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"He wasn't 'out there,' like some coaches."

Newberry coached the team to the Marine Regional championship in 2002 and to third place last year. He also was an assistant on last Marine Aircraft Wing's title team in 1999.

Joe Sutter, a two-time All-Armed Forces outfielder, asked Newberry to coach the Base team in 2002 after coach Robert Harper had to go to the States on emergency leave.

"He was a good friend," Sutter said. "His leadership. Equality for everybody. He played no favorites. He did not play politics. His control of the team. Always positive."

"He wasn't just a coach," Hogan said. "He was a friend. You could go to him with any problem, for advice on how to handle anything."

"It's sad," Hogan said. "But we're going to try to win this for him."

E-mail Dave Ornaauer at: ornauid@starsandstripes.com

Yongsan teams take two 8th Army titles

Stars and Stripes

YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea — Yongsan-area softball teams won two of three titles in the 8th U.S. Army softball tournaments last weekend at Lombard Field Fourplex on Yongsan's South Post.

Coming out of the loser's bracket in the double-elimination command-level tournament, 17th Aviation beat 18th Medical 17-4 and 15-1 in an all-Yongsan championship, averaging a 10-9 loss in the winner's bracket final.

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"We have six men who finished in the top hundred last year, which out of 16,000 to 17,000 [entrants] is pretty good," Higgins said. "And the women are really strong. Last year, we had maybe one or two good runners. This year we have five or six."

The eight runners comprising the 8th Army team competed in Saturday's 8th Army Ten-Miler at Camp Casco's Hanson Field House.

Noreen Roberson of Camp Carroll was Saturday's women's open winner. She placed seventh in her age group last year in Washington. Among the men, Saturday's open winner Joshua Butts of Camp Casey placed 28th overall last year in Washington.

"We're hopeful," Higgins said.

Harrison suspended for failed drug test

The Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Olympic gold medal sprinter Calvin Harrison was suspended Monday for two years for a second doping violation, making him ineligible for the Athens Olympics.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency said Harrison, 30, tested positive for the prohibited stimulant modafinil during the USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Stanford, Calif., on June 21, 2003.

Harrison was a member of the United States team that won the 4x400-meter relay at Sydney, Australia.

U.S. women's soccer team beats China in Olympic tuneup

EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — Mia Hamm had a goal and two assists to lead the U.S. women's soccer team to a 3-1 victory over China Sunday in the final warm-up match before the Athens Olympics. Abby Wambach assisted on Hamm's goal and scored her own. Aly Wagner opened the scoring before a crowd of 15,093 at Rentschler Field.

The United States is 14-8-10 overall against China, including the gold-medal match of the 1996 Olympics and 1999 World Cup final.

Charges against Miami's Rolle dropped

MIAMI — Miami cornerback Antrel Rolle may not be tried for allegedly striking a police officer and will be reinstated to the team. Assistant State Attorney Michael Grieco said Monday that while

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the arrest was "valid," Rolle's "post-arrest contention and lack of criminal history" led to the decision to drop the case. The physical contact between Rolle and the officer was "merely incidental," Grieco said.

According to a police complaint, Rolle was involved in a fight in a street near campus earlier this month and resisted arrest.

University spokesman Rick Korch said Monday that Rolle will be reinstated, though he was not sure when.

Sharks' Wilson gets new deal

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Coach Ron Wilson was given a new multi-year contract by the San Jose Sharks on Monday. The Sharks also re-signed assistant coaches Tim Hunter and Rob Zetter. Terms of the deals weren't immediately available.

Wilson and his staff were rewarded for leading the Sharks to the best record in franchise history. San Jose went 43-21-12-6, earning 104 points and the Pacific Division title and advanced to the Western Conference finals for the first time.

Panthers re-sign two wings

SUNRISE, Fla. — The Florida Panthers re-signed left wings Darcy Hordichuk and Eric Beaudoin to 1-year deals on Monday. Hordichuk, 23, had three goals and four points in 57 games with 158 penalty minutes as the team's main enforcer. Beaudoin, 24, had two goals and four assists in 30 games.



Buddy Rice crosses the finish line .0796 seconds ahead of Tony Kanaan to win the Michigan Indy 400 at Michigan International Speedway on Sunday. Kanaan leads Rice by 54 points in the IRL season standings.

Rice edges Kanaan in IRL duel

By TIM MARTIN

The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Buddy Rice made the right decision — again.

Racing to his third IndyCar victory of the year, the Rahal Letterman Racing driver made a late charge to edge Tony Kanaan by 0.0796 seconds in the Michigan Indy 400.

Both drivers said the key was guessing how much fuel the other had left in the waning moments of the 200-lap race Sunday.

"We knew it was going to be a long race," Rice said. "We knew it was going to be a mental race. ... It came down to a bit of a fuel race. We obviously had saved more than he had."

Kanaan — who had led the race for 183 laps before chasing Rice for the last 10 — wasn't happy with how the final laps went down.

Andretti Green Racing driver said late-race strategy

might have cost the team a victory. He said he was advised to stop fighting Rice when he first attempted his pass, implying his team felt Rice might run out of gas or falter before finishing.

"It doesn't make me very happy," Kanaan said. "I am not going to point fingers. I'm a team player. I think I'm part of that, too. Today we were not very smart. The other team was smarter than us."

Rice's average speed — 182.123 mph — was the fastest in IndyCar history.

Rice has won three of the IRL's 10 races this season. But he still trails Kanaan in the points standings with six races to go.

Kanaan has 400 points, 57 more than Rice.

Kanaan has three wins this season. He has finished in the top five nine times and in the top 10 in every race.

Dan Wheldon, Kanaan's Andretti teammate, finished third, 3.63 seconds off the pace.

Sam Hornish Jr. was fourth, followed by Vitor Meira.

The race was safer for drivers than crew members.

Tomas Sheckter's car hit mechanic Steve Naminak on a pit stop early in the race. Sheckter swerved to avoid Tora Takagi, who was leaving pit lane as Sheckter entered. Naminak wound up with a broken leg.

A Wheldon crew member, Mike Horvath, was tripped by Meira's car but was not seriously injured. Meira's car bumped into Horvath when it was struck from behind by Adrian Fernandez.

Late in the race, Fernandez might have cost himself a high finish when he spun into his pit. He sent Rhodri Griffiths, a crew member for Kosuke Matsuda, tumbling. Griffiths was not seriously hurt.

Fernandez — running in third place at the time — was forced to re-enter the pits for a "stop-and-go" penalty that dropped him into the middle of the pack.

Tragedy marks Argentine star

By CHRIS SHERIDAN

The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — Nobody going to the Athens Olympics has a sad story quite like that of Walter Herrmann.

It's a horror story — all of it true — filled with death, grieving, resiliency and more death.

Not many people outside of Argentina and Spain have heard of Walter Herrmann, a 25-year-old, 6-foot-9 reserve forward for the South American country. He's one of only two changes to the team that won the silver medal in the 2002 world basketball championship. And he's on the team in large part because of his ability to overcome tragedy.

On a sunny afternoon in July 2003, Herrmann lost the three most important women in his life: His fiancée, his mother and his younger sister. Exactly one year later, on a day Herrmann played one of his greatest games, his father died.

"I couldn't imagine the pain," Argentine teammate Pepe Sanchez, a former NBA guard, said. "It's very tragic, and I admire him for standing up and

keeping on going in life, because I don't know what I would do if that was me."

Herrmann's initial loss happened when the three women, along with a friend of his mother's and her daughter, were driving down a two-lane country road. They collided head-on with another car occupied by an older couple. All seven people died.

"I suppose that someone fell asleep. I can't explain it at all. Nobody can," Herrmann said.

He was in the Argentine city of La Plata that day, training with the national team.

"I knew they were going to visit my girlfriend's family," he recalled, speaking through a translator. "That day I took a siesta and woke up at 6 in the afternoon and called my girlfriend's house. That's when I got the news about my girlfriend only. I didn't know about the others. I was shocked up, and I broke everything in the hotel room."

As Herrmann drove to an airfield to take a private plane to Buenos Aires, he began making phone calls and discovered the news was far worse. Not only had the car crash claimed the life of his fiancée — champion swim-

mer Maria Yanina Garrone — it also had killed his mother, Maria Christina Heinrich, and his younger sister, Barbara.

At the insistence of his older sister, Herrmann eventually returned to Spain to resume his basketball career.

"The novelty of the story made the country sad for me, and wherever we went in Argentina the press was following me. So we went to Spain, and the first three months I was very angry and had a very bad time, but after that I stuck my head up," he said. "It was complicated. You never get used to the idea that you've lost your family and your girlfriend."

On July 18, the first anniversary of the crash, he had 38 points to lead Argentina to the South American championship.

When Herrmann returned to his hotel, he got word that his father had died of a heart attack.

When Herrmann was put on the Olympic team by coach Ruben Magnan, he surprised his countrymen by accepting the invitation and traveling to Europe for an exhibition tour just more than a year after his father's death.

"Now I am of the mind to look in front of me," Herrmann said, "and not behind."

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Wells' homer ends long dry spell as Lilly tops Indians

The Associated Press

TORONTO — All-Star Ted Lilly won for the first time in more than a month and Vernon Wells hit a three-run homer as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Cleveland Indians 6-1 on Monday.

Cleveland starter Cliff Lee threw his hat and glove into the stands after his latest loss. A fan sitting 23 rows deep caught Lee's glove after he allowed six runs — only two of which were earned — on nine hits in 4 1/2 innings. It was the third straight start in which he's been rocked.

"I didn't even realize I did it until I got to the bench. I'm definitely frustrated," Lee said. "I pitched in the second inning this game, so it's definitely better than the last one."

Lee (10-4) was pounded for six runs and six hits in a career-low two-thirds of an inning in last Monday's 13-4 loss to the Detroit Tigers.

Toronto's Chris Gomez reached on second baseman Ronnie Belliard's fielding error and Alex Rios singled before Wells hit a three-run homer off Lee in the first. Josh Phelps followed with his 12th home run, the first time this year Toronto has hit consecutive homers.

Wells left the game after fouling a ball off his left calf in the fifth inning. He was listed as day-to-day with a bruise.

Lilly (8-7) won for the first time since June 26, a span of six starts. The left-hander allowed one run and three hits in seven innings.

"There's no doubt it makes me easier when you get an early lead like we did," Lilly said.

Toronto's Orlando Hudson lined in the fifth and scored on Frank Menchillo's single. After Alex Rios singled, Carlos Delgado chased Lee with a hard grounder that bounced off the head of first baseman Lou Merloni on what was ruled an RBI double.

The honest working man

As he has throughout his career, Greg Maddux quietly does his job as he prepares to enter one of baseball's hallowed clubs: 300 wins

His manager is a baseball fielder, but he couldn't remember the last time a pitcher chasing his 300th win generated so little buzz. And though the commissioner made the short hop down from Milwaukee to mark the occasion, he had to agree.

Just to make sure nobody made too big a fuss, Greg Maddux did what he always does — anything to win.

The 38-year-old Cubs right-hander lasted six sticky innings against the Phillies on a blistering afternoon, then sat down for the cause and logged a no-decision in Chicago's 6-3 win Sunday. As it turned out, any fanfare would have been wasted.

Before the game, Maddux got chills and a rousing ovation as he walked to the bullpen just behind third and fourth base.

Within easy shouting distance of fans lining the low brick wall at ancient Wrigley Field. But whatever stuff he had warming up didn't last into the game. Maddux was clocked for two home runs in the first and left trailing 3-2, after throwing 87 pitches and failing to hit that number on the radar gun more than once or twice.

"I would have loved to go out there and try not to walk somebody and just hope they hit it at somebody," Maddux said about pitching the seventh. "But it's not right, not fair to the rest of the guys and the rest of the team, the city. It's not the way you are supposed to play the game."

Truth be told, he was gassed after five, hung on through six and was gratefully cooling his heels in the dugout when a four-run rally in the seventh put the Cubs ahead to stay. Maddux was still so over-heated 15 minutes after the game that he walked into the interview room barefoot, wearing only a hat, T-shirt and spandex bicycle shorts.

In the hallway outside, Nomar Garciaparra, the Cubs' just-arrived shortstop, awaited his turn on the stage. He wasn't dressed much better, save for sandals and a pair of gym shorts with a fading Boston Red Sox logo on one side. But he was impressed.

"Talk about pitchers with a mound presence," Garciaparra said about his new teammate. "This guy's definitely got it."

Meanwhile, back inside the interview room, Maddux had no trouble pinning down the moment he lost it.

"I knew I was finished after six. We held them in the seventh and came back," he said very matter-of-factly. "That's nice to see."

Maddux is a monster on the mound but so unassuming off it that you might have trouble believing the Mr. Hyde whose competitive soul should make him a first-ballot Hall of Famer is also the Dr.

Jolly who usually turns up afterward in street clothes and spectacles, and hates media swarms every bit as much as he loves playing golf and video games.

After Maddux notched No. 299 in Selig's hometown last Tuesday, the Cubs tried to put him front and center before the national media. Instead of talking about himself, Maddux stepped back. He turned one specially arranged news conference into a clinic on pitching, and low-keyed every interview he sat through the rest of the week.

He had nothing to do with the 11th-hour deal that relocated Garciaparra from Fenway Park to Wrigley, but you can bet the timing hardly upset him. It kept his quest for 300 off the back page.

Ditto for the chunks of concrete that fell on the upper deck and mezzanine levels at the 90-year-old ballpark, which grabbed the headlines for a few days and nearly forced the Cubs to shut the place down for repairs.

None of it affected Maddux' preparations, of course. He tiptoed to 299 wins and four Cy Young Awards one way — by learning hitters' weaknesses, changing speeds and always aiming at the black edges that frame home plate. And he isn't about to change.

Maddux was already a pro when the Cubs called him up the bigs in 1986 and veteran reliever Lee Smith took one look at the skinny 20-year-old and dubbed him "Bat Boy." He's even more of a pro now.

"It wasn't hard this time," Maddux said. "You do what you have to do to get ready for your game, go out and pitch, and don't get caught up in it. I'll enjoy the off day tomorrow, throw on the side in two or three days and get ready to pitch when it's my turn."

That should come at the end of the week in San Francisco, but Maddux knows there are no guarantees; 300 is a journey that allows precious few missteps, a club that has admitted just 21 members in the 130-something years pro baseball has been played. A few names that never made it in: Sandy Koufax, Bob Gibson, Bob Feller and Carl Hubbell. When Roger Clemens finally broke down the door last season, he was given a welcome befitting his outsized personality.

Maddux, though, quietly arrived at the threshold by winning at least 15 games for a record 16 straight seasons. It's harder than it sounds. A few of the young guns in the generation behind him, say Barry Zito or Tim Lincecum, could average 15 wins a season through their 40th birthdays — and still fall short of 300.

"You're seeing history," Selig said at the end of the fifth inning. As it turned out, not quite. But the commissioner was dead-on with what he said next: "This could be it for a long time."

Mindful of that, Baker spent last week beating the drum for Maddux every chance he got. Though the manager is notoriously suspicious of pitchers, he also gave this particular pitcher every chance to talk him into working the seventh.

"He's a craftsman," Baker said, handing out the ultimate compliment. "When he says it's enough, it's enough."

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Montreal's Zack Day broke a bone in the middle finger of his right hand on Sunday when hit by a pitch while attempting a bunt against Florida.

Expos' Day out with broken finger

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Right-hander Zach Day, whose right middle finger was broken when he was hit by a pitch on a bunt attempt, was placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday by the Montreal Expos.

Day, who is expected to miss 4-6 weeks, was replaced on the roster by left-hander Joey Eischen, who had been on the disabled list all season after surgery on his left elbow.

Day, 26, was injured in the third inning of a game against the Florida Marlins that was ultimately postponed because of rain.

This is Day's second trip to the DL in less than a month, having missed 13 games from July 6-22 with tendinitis in his right shoulder. He is 5-10 with a 3.93 ERA in 19 starts and has the dubious distinction of receiving the least run support (2.47 a game) of any starter in the majors.

"The ball was riding up and in and caught me on the finger,"

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Day said, "It was numb right away, and I lost feeling. When it stayed numb, they pulled the trigger on me for the day. It's a tough one, but it's been that kind of year."

Mariners' Guardado on DL

SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners' closer Eddie Guardado was placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday with a tired left shoulder.

Guardado (2-2) has appeared in 41 games with 18 saves and a 2.78 ERA. In his last outing on Saturday, Guardado gave up a game-winning home run to Jose Guillen in the 11th inning of a 9-8 loss to Anaheim.

He was signed as a free agent in the offseason from Minnesota. Left-handed pitcher Matt Thornton will be recalled from Triple-A Tacoma on Tuesday, the Mariners said.

Boston's Ortiz drops appeal, begins serving suspension

MINNEAPOLIS — Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz dropped his appeal and began serving a five-game suspension Sunday.

Ortiz was suspended by the commissioner's office for throwing balls onto the field after he was ejected from a game July 16 at Anaheim.

Ortiz will be eligible to return for Saturday's game at Detroit.

He entered Sunday tied for the AL lead with 27 home runs and was second in the league with 93 RBIs.

Upton called up by Devil Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Devil Rays called up shortstop B.J. Upton from Triple-A Durham on Sunday.

The Devil Rays' first round draft pick in 2002, Upton, is 21 with 12 homers and 36 RBIs in 69 games with Durham. He started the season at Double-A Montgomery.

Williams, Cardinals get better of Giants

Ex-reliever gets 100th victory in a duel with ace Jason Schmidt

BY GREG BEACHAM

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — As a 37-year-old pitcher excelling in a young man's game, Woody Williams knows most numbers mean little. Still, his 100th victory was cause for celebration — particularly after beating Jason Schmidt and Barry Bonds to get it.

Williams worked 6 1/3 innings for his fifth straight victory and Scott Rolen's first-inning homer stood up in the St. Louis Cardinals' 6-1 defeat of the San Francisco Giants on Sunday night.

Williams and Schmidt each entered the game with 99 victories, but Williams got to triple digits first by retiring the final 12 hitters he faced while nursing a one-run lead.

Williams (8-6) allowed five hits and two walks, even getting Bonds three times. When his teammates tacked on four late runs and the bullpen flawlessly finished, Williams had a highlight in his late-blooming career.

"I never thought I'd be around long enough to win 100 games with the way things started out and where I've come from," said Williams, a former reliever who



St. Louis' Albert Pujols singles in a run in the ninth inning on Sunday in a 6-1 victory over San Francisco.

didn't become a full-time starter until 1997 in Toronto. "For this to come against probably the best pitcher in the game, it's pretty special."

The right-hander needed 12 seasons to get his 100th victory, while the 31-year-old Schmidt already is in his 10th season.

Williams has blossomed in his mid-30s, gaining 49 victories in the last four seasons.

"It's just a number, but I'm very happy, no doubt about it," Williams said.

It was Williams' first victory over the Giants in four years.

The rest of the Cardinals knew the importance of the moment — and doused the pitcher with water after the game.

"It's hard to win one game in this league," manager Tony La Russa said. "To get 100, that's a

magic number, especially to do it against a guy like Schmidt."

Williams threw 11 pitches in an entertaining fifth-inning matchup against Bonds, who sent a foul ball soaring into McCovey Cove before flying out to deep right.

Schmidt couldn't overcome his early mistake to Rolen, who hit a two-run shot on the first pitch he saw. St. Louis added four runs against San Francisco's bullpen.

Schmidt (13-4) struck out 10 in seven innings, allowing six hits and two walks in losing his second straight start at home.

Mike Matheny and Albert Pujols added run-scoring singles for St. Louis, which has won each of Williams' last nine starts. Four months into their best season since 1968, the Cardinals took two of three from San Francisco to split the season series at three games apiece.

Schmidt threw 128 pitches, retiring nine straight at one point — but in the first inning, Rolen hit a belt-high pitch more than 400 feet to center. It was the All-Star's 25th homer of the season and second in two days.

"It was just two bad pitches," Schmidt said. "These are the two I want back. I got burned on them. I was overthinking. It was just bad timing on my part."

Schmidt's next start is expected to be Saturday, when Chicago's Greg Maddux will go for his 300th victory in San Francisco.

Ray Durham singled home Neftali Feliz in the second for the Giants' only run. San Francisco scored just once in the final 17 innings of the three-game series.

Bonds put another foul ball into the water in the eighth, but Ray King got him on a grounder to complete 1 2/3 perfect innings.

The Cards issued no intentional walks to Bonds in the game. When asked his strategy, La Russa quoted San Francisco manager Felipe Alou on the subject.

"When he (Alou) was with Montreal, he said, 'We're here to be competitors, not cowards,'" La Russa said. "In the right situation, we would have walked him."

Ventura's blast caps Dodgers' emotional weekend

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Robin Ventura provided an exciting end to a emotional weekend for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Ventura connected for a pinch-hit homer in the 12th inning on Sunday to give the Dodgers a 2-1 victory over the San Diego Padres.

The victory capped a tumultuous weekend for Los Angeles, which made four trades leading up to baseball's non-waiver deadline. The Dodgers sent clubhouse leader Paul Lo Duca to Florida as part of a six-player deal with the Marlins, and acquired pitcher Brad Penny and center fielder Steve Finley.

"After all that's happened this weekend, this was an important win for us," Ventura said.

Los Angeles took two of three from San Diego, extending its NL West lead over the Padres to 3 1/2 games. The Dodgers have won 15 of 20 overall.

"It was just a terrific game we were playing," Los Angeles manager Jim Tracy said.

After the Dodgers dealt some popular players, there were questions about team chemistry. For one day, Ventura thought the game took care of all that.

"Right now, it's fine in here after a win like this," Ventura said. "It's obviously going to take a little while to kind of get the mood of this team. We'll find out more when we get home."

Finley went 2-for-5 with a double and scored a run in his Dodgers debut after being acquired moments before the trade deadline Saturday in a five-player deal



Teammates greet Robin Ventura after his 12th-inning home run that beat San Diego 2-1.

with Arizona. Finley started in center field, with Milton Bradley moving to right.

Eric Gagne (4-0) pitched three scoreless innings to earn the victory, the first time he's pitched more than two innings since becoming the team's closer in 2002. Gagne allowed two hits, struck out two and walked one.

"It seemed like we did whatever we had to win that game," Gagne said. "The way the game went, it had the feel of a big game."

Darren Dreifort got three outs for his first save since Sept. 15, 1997, at Colorado. It was the fourth save this season by a Los Angeles pitcher other than Gagne.

Khalil Greene fled out to the left-field warning track with a runner on to end it.

Ventura hit a 1-0 pitch from Ricky Seanez (1-2) over the right-center fence with two outs in the 12th. It was Ventura's second pinch-hit homer this season. He also had a two-run shot July 17 at Arizona.

"It was a really good changeup, but he got it in the wrong spot," Ventura said. "I just got fortunate."

San Diego lost for only the third time at home in 19 one-run games.

"The last two games were like playoff games," Bradley said. "I wouldn't change anything. Despite everything, we still got

the 'W.' It would have been a long drive back to L.A. if we lost."

Phil Nevin, who got the go-ahead hit in San Diego's 3-2 victory Saturday night, said the loss was tough to take.

"There are a lot of games left," Nevin said. "People talk about trading Lo Duca, but games like that can bring teams together. Whether that happens remains to be seen. They are very good and we feel we're better."

Padres reliever Akinori Otsuka escaped a bases-loaded jam in the eighth when he struck out Jayson Werth.

The Dodgers tied it 1-1 on Shawn Green's RBI single off reliever Scott Linebrink in the sixth. One-out singles by Finley and Bradley knocked David Wells from the game. Linebrink came in and struck out Adrian Beltré before Green grounded a single up the middle to score Finley.

Nevin put the Padres ahead 1-0 in the fourth with a one-out single to left that scored Mark Loretta, who singled leading off the inning and was sacrificed to second.

Bradley's baserunning mistake ran the Dodgers out of a scoring chance in the first.

Bradley walked after Finley's one-out double. Beltré then hit a long fly ball to the warning track in center. As Jay Payton made the catch, Bradley was running behind around second base toward third and doubled. Payton chased Finley and allowed Finley off second to end the inning.

Both starters pitched well. Otsuka allowed one run and four hits in six innings for the Dodgers. Wells lasted 5 1/3 innings, allowing one run and five hits with four strikeouts and one walk.

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Smarty Jones retires

Derby, Preakness winner has chronic hoof injury

BY HAL BOCK

The Associated Press

The constant pounding Smarty Jones put on his hoofs in a brilliant racing career that brought him within one length of the Triple Crown, forced his retirement from the sport on Monday.

Diagnosed with bone bruises in all four hoofs, the winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness will stand stud at Three Chimneys Farm, occupying the stall of Seattle Slew, the only undefeated Triple Crown winner in history.

It's an appropriate spot for the red chestnut colt who recovered from a life-threatening accident

early in his career and won every race until his last one when he was caught in the final furlong of the Belmont Stakes by Birdstone and finished a length behind.

Trainer John Servis had plans for the spunky 3-year-old who nearly died a year ago when he fractured his skull in a starting gate accident. But the persistent bruising problem caused him to be scratched from the Sept. 5 Pennsylvania Derby at Philadelphia Park, his home track.

Still, Servis hoped to run the horse in the Breeders' Cup Classic at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas, on Oct. 30 with perhaps a warmup in either the

Super Derby on Sept. 25 at Louisiana Downs, or the Pegasus in New Jersey in late September or early October. Those plans ended abruptly when a bone scan last Thursday revealed the chronic bruising problem.

Servis was heartbroken.

"It hurts me," the trainer said. "He could do things so effortlessly. He might be the best of all time. It's unfortunate people won't see that. I know he's a great horse. I just hope it carries over to the breeding shed."

"He was an exceptional individual. It hurts but you have to move on."

Dr. Larry Bramlage treated

Smarty Jones and said the injury is the result of accumulated inflammation in the fetlocks which serve as a race horse's shock absorbers.

"It was a very difficult decision," said Patricia Chapman, who owns the horse with her husband, Roy. "We'd like to see him run again. But we see this happen and if anything else went wrong, it would break our hearts."

"I think we're making the right decision in our hearts," Roy Chapman said.

In nine career starts, Smarty Jones won eight races and earned \$7,563,535, including a \$5 million bonus from Oaklawn Park for vic-



Smarty Jones won eight of his nine starts, losing the Belmont by one length to Birdstone.

tories in the Rebel Stakes, Arkansas Derby and Kentucky Derby.

The Chapmans recently syndicated him for about \$48 million.

Beating the heat



Houston Texans defensive end Jerry DeLoach sprays water on his face during practice at the Texans training camp Monday in Houston. The heat index forecasted for the Houston area is expected to be over 100 degrees as the Texans prepare for their second season.



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